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Fahd meets Japanese delegate

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Sunday received Sunao Sonoda, the special envoy of Japan's prime minister. The meeting was attended by Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal. Sonoda arrived here Saturday within the context of a tour in the area. Earlier in the day, Sonoda conferred with Planning Minister Sheikh Hisham Nazer.

Following the meeting, Sheikh Hisham said he reviewed with Sonoda bilateral activities and the progress scored by the Saudi-Japanese Joint Commission in various areas.

Afghan town captured

KARACHI, March 2 (Agencies) — Anti-government forces captured one small town in eastern Afghanistan, but have come under heavy attack from government troops near the Pakistan border, according to reports reaching here.

The organization "Hezbi-Islami" said in a press release that the Muslims had captured the headquarters of an Afghan division Saturday after "grim fighting." It said 30 Afghan army troops were killed and 40 injured against four dead and five injuries for the Muslims.

However, the Soviet and Afghan armies made a heavy day-long attack on the Muslim-held town of Kot using helicopters and tanks. Two hundred government troops and 50 among the Muslim forces were killed, reports crossing the border related.

Among the reported Muslim dead were commander Nadir Khan, vice-commander Abdul Rahim Khan and Feroz Khan. It was not immediately known if the freedom fighters had lost control of the town. Reliable sources in Pakistan also said Muslims captured 30 light machine guns and blew up four tanks during fighting at Sulmanpur. Muslims reported 15 titles and took 40 government soldiers prisoner in an attack on a Jalalabad police station, they said.

Another report by the Hezbi-Islami said Muslims had killed 90 Afghan militia near Nazian, but that Soviet aircraft later bombed and killed 10 women and children.

Meanwhile, a Soviet newspaper termed Western calls for neutralization of Afghanistan "political decoration" designed to disguise American-led plans to reopen the cold war.

The Communist Party daily *Sovetskaya Rossiya* said that the recent bundle of diplomatic moves in Western Europe over Afghanistan was no more than a political screen. The paper said that under cover of its "subtle diplomacy" the West was carrying out long-planned adventures including an attempt last week to stage a counter-revolutionary push in Afghanistan.

"Everything has been thought out very carefully, as we see: Washington loudly demands that the Soviet Union stop military aid to Afghanistan, while its partners in the Atlantic alliance raise a fuss about 'Afghan neutralization'."



WELL-WISHERS: King Fahd received a number of princes ministers and citizens Sunday. The well-wishers visited King Fahd at King Faisal Specialist Hospital in Riyadh. The King is recovering from strain due to overwork.

Aba Al-Khail meets Duncan

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail conferred Sunday with the visiting U.S. Energy Secretary Charles Duncan.

The talks, attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Finance, dealt with cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the United States and reviewed the world economic situation in general. However, the Energy Department in Washington said Duncan would discuss a resumption of sales of oil for stockpiling in the United States.

Opposition to stockpiling has been strong among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. According to reports Duncan was advised before his departure that Saudi Arabia leaders were hopeful the administration would postpone its decision to spend over one billion dollars for additional reserve oil.

The United States is the major consumer of oil in the world.

For the United States to be able to build up its oil reserves through purchases from Saudi Arabia, the Kingdom would be required to continue the present high production level of 9.5 million barrels a day. This is one million barrels more than the normal daily average of 8.5 million barrels, which was ordered following world oil shortages in the wake of the Iranian revolution a year ago.

Fulbright visits Aramco offices

DHAHRAN, March 2 (SPA) — Former U.S. Senator William Fulbright visited Aramco headquarters here Sunday.

He visited the oil exhibition and other oil installations in Ras Tanura. He also flew over the compound by helicopter.

On Monday Fulbright will lecture students of the Industrial Management College who are studying international relations.

Jews describe U.S. vote 'heavy-handed interference'

NEW YORK, March 2, (AP) — A major Jewish organization has questioned America's "ability to discern right from wrong" after the United States joined a United Nations resolution against Israeli settlements in occupied Arab territory.

In a telegram to President Jimmy Carter Saturday, Theodore Mann, chairman of the conference of presidents of major American Jewish organizations, called the U.S. vote "heavy-handed interference."

The conference represents 34 national Jewish organizations.

The U.N. Security Council voted unanimously Saturday for the resolution calling on Israel to dismantle its settlements in occupied Arab territory. U.S. Ambassador Donald McHenry cast the American vote and said he was "pleased that the Council has spoken unanimously."

Mann wrote, "Mr. President, I am worried for my country. I am beginning to doubt its good sense, its resolve and its ability to discern right from wrong."

"When American citizens are being held hostage by terrorists in Bogota and Tehran we have joined the Soviet Union in condemning the one country in the world most vulnerable to terrorism for taking effective steps to prevent it," Mann said. "We should be attacking terrorists not its victims."

Israeli U.N. Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum, a non-member of the Council speaking by its permission, called the resolution "the product of various partisan interests, including political expediency of one form or another."

"It lacks all balance and is riddled with formulations which, in their bias and one-sidedness, can only play into the hands of the

enemies of peace in the Middle East, both in the Arab world and beyond," he said.

Norwegian Ambassador Ole Algard announced before the voting that he would vote for the resolution because his government was against Israeli settlements in the occupied territories.

Other council members voting for the resolution were Portugal, Britain, France, Communist China, the Soviet Union, East Germany, Tunisia, Nigeria, Zambia, Bangladesh, the Philippines, Mexico and Jamaica.

The resolution strongly deplored Israel's decision to prohibit the mayor of Hebron on the West Bank from traveling to New York to testify before the council. It said all measures taken by Israel to change the physical character, demographic composition, institutional structure or status of the Palestinian and other Arab territories occupied since 1967, including Jerusalem or any part of it, had no legal validity.

Israel's practice of settling some of its population and new immigrants in those territories was a flagrant violation of the fourth Geneva Convention on the protection of civilians in time of war. It also constituted a serious obstruction to achieving a comprehensive, just and lasting peace in the Middle East, the Council said.

It strongly deplored Israel's persistence in those policies and called on it to rescind the measures, dismantle existing settlements and cease establishing new settlements. It also called on all states not to provide Israel with any aid to be used specifically in connection with settlements.

A U.N. commission was asked to examine the situation and report to the council by Sept. 1.

In policy speech

Brazil president supports PLO

BRASILIA, Brazil, March 2 (AP) — President Joao Baptista Figueiredo reasserted Brazilian support for the Palestine Liberation Organization and failed to mention Israel in a Mideast discussion he said was based on a foreign policy of "universalism."

In a policy review delivered to the re-convened National Congress Saturday, Figueiredo said the government would continue on a path of liberalization at home and "a new type of international relations, democratic and open by nature."

There were no new declarations in Figueiredo's 178-page presentation to the opening session of Congress. The Brazilian president, who took office one year ago is the fifth army general to rule Brazil since a 1964 military coup, customarily did not attend the opening ceremony. The message was hand-delivered by an aide.

300 emergency solar telephones begin operation

JEDDAH, March 2, (SPA) — More than 300 solar energy emergency telephone booths on Saudi Arabia's highways began operating Saturday.

Rabie Dahlan, director general of telephones, said that the emergency booths will make it possible for any person in trouble on a highway to obtain police, traffic and fire rescue services within a very short notice.

He also said that the microwave, coaxial, vertical and horizontal cable stations in Jeddah and Taif are now under the control of Jeddah telephones as a kind of technical rapprochement among those departments.

In addition, one Saudi Arabian project being constructed plans to link the Kingdom with Sudan by means of microwave. The project will rely principally on solar power.

The project will provide 900 telephone lines between Saudi Arabia and Africa, as well as telex, cable, radio and television channels. It will run on solar energy, but if a fault develops there is an emergency diesel engine to take over. If both are damaged, batteries storing three-days electricity requirements will cut in.

Visits Riyadh March 10

Giscard d'Estaing hailed in Kuwait

RIYADH, March 2 (Agencies) — French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, who began talks in Kuwait Saturday, will visit Saudi Arabia March 10, at the end of an official tour of a number of Gulf countries and Jordan.

The Soviet invasion and its impact on the Gulf region were high on the French-Kuwaiti talks, according to officials.

Giscard d'Estaing and Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah of Kuwait also were to examine the situation in Iran and review the latest developments in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In addition, the two leaders were to seek ways of strengthening economic, cultural and political cooperation between France and the Arab world.

Leading a high-powered delegation, Giscard d'Estaing and his wife arrived Saturday on the first leg of a six-nation tour aimed at bolstering France's ties with its main sources of crude oil, the Arab states of the Gulf.

"The tour is meant primarily to obtain an on-the-spot appraisal of the situation in the Gulf region," the independent newspaper *Al-Anba* quoted a French official as saying. "And relations between France and the Palestinian resistance movement will figure prominently in the talks."

The French leader is to hold talks in Riyadh, with King Fahd and Crown Prince Fahd, whose country, along with Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, supply nearly 54 per cent of France's imports of crude oil.

Iraq also has been a steady supplier of crude oil to France, filling the gap created by Iran's cutback on oil production after the revolution.

Al-Anba also said that Giscard d'Estaing has opted to drop Oman from his tour, on account of "protocol considerations." It said that Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said of Oman has never visited France.

The newspaper *Al-Qabas* editorially lauded Giscard d'Estaing for trying to keep the sensitive Gulf region outside the spheres of superpower rivalry.

"The current rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union is part of their detente game, and Giscard d'Estaing is expected to try and keep the Gulf region out of this," the paper said.

Giscard d'Estaing is known to lend France's support to the principle of comprehensive peace between the Arabs and Israel.

He also supports efforts to achieve a just settlement of the Palestine question, which Western European powers view as the core of the Middle East conflict.

The president's first round of talks Saturday with Sheikh Al-Sabah, was officially said to have taken place in an excellent atmosphere.

A French presidential spokesman said the two men discussed Afghanistan, the Middle East, Lebanon and the security of the Gulf.

Sunday's talks between the French leader and Sheikh Jaber were expected to include discussions on a formal dialogue between the Arab Gulf states and the European Common Market.

Gulf newspapers heaped praise on Giscard d'Estaing Sunday reminding him at the same time that a Palestinian settlement was the key to better relations.

"We feel that France has touched off in us a cascade of confidence in the country because it adheres most to its responsibilities," *Al-Anba* said.

"The word 'Palestine' is on all tongues and the tyranny the Palestinian people have suffered is the main issue which is the magic key to all relations." The newspaper said.

The first French leader to visit the Gulf was greeted as the Arab world's best friend in Western Europe, Saturday and received a 21-gun salute.

"Welcome to Kuwait," ran the headline over a French-language editorial in the *Arab Times*. "You have been and are a dear friend, always understanding of the Arab world."

Giscard d'Estaing's spokesman said before the visit began that its aims were essentially political.

France is anxious to establish a permanent dialogue between Europe and the Arab world, a desire shared by the ruler of Bahrain who first proposed it last year.

Gulf states need self-protection, Saud reaffirms

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said Sunday that Afghanistan events have confirmed the need for Gulf states to depend on themselves for the protection of their independence and resources.

The armed Soviet invasion of Afghanistan has clearly proved the Soviet Union's resolve to bring the world back to the age of colonialism and armed invasion, he added.

In an interview published in *Al-Jazirah*, Prince Saud urged friendly states to offer arms supplies to the Gulf states for self-defense. He added that the principle of self-reliance would achieve stability for the region and keep it out of the superpower dispute.

The foreign minister said contacts continued among Gulf states within a framework of coordination and consultation for the fulfillment of aspirations of their peoples.

He added there would not be any objection to holding a regional foreign ministers' conference if the need arose.

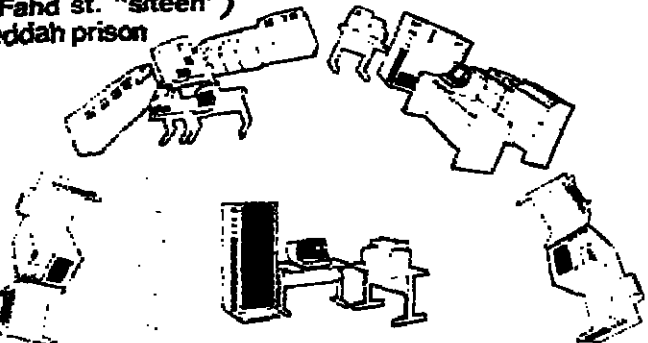
Prince Saud said the events of Afghanistan have exposed the nature of friendship treaties with the Soviet Union and their hazards to the independence and freedom of other peoples.

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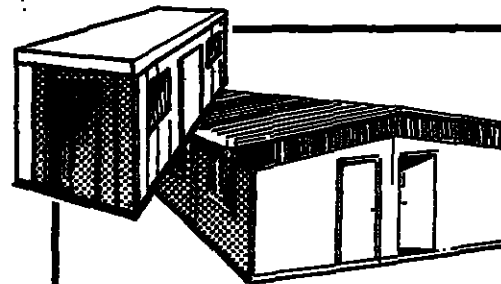
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Badr heads for France to report on ocean safety

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 2 — The president of Saudi Arabian Ports Authority, Dr. Fayez Badr, left here Sunday for Paris. He headed the Saudi Arabian delegation to meeting of the Seas and Oceans Conference in Tropical Areas.

The conference opens Wednesday in Bordeaux to discuss cooperation between participating states and to exchange information and experts in the field of ports and navigation.

The conference is one in a series held every three years and is organized by Techno Export. The Kingdom is participating for the first time. The Fourth Oceans Seas Exhibition for 1980 will be held during the period of the conference, which lasts five days.

Badr will present a report to the conference regarding the safety of oceans and seas as basic trade channels. The topic will include

Nawaf to open Jeddah's first battery plant

JEDDAH, March 2 — Prince Nawaf will open the first dry cell manufacturing factory in the industrial area here Wednesday.

The factory — the first of its kind in the Kingdom — is part of the state's plan to encourage and protect native factories. The state has provided every facility for its establishment, including the plot of land on which it has been built.

The SR37 million factory will produce 48 million dry cells of different types in its maiden year. But soon will go ahead with the production of mini batteries needed for electronic equipment, watches and cameras.

Meanwhile, an official spokesman of the Arabian Dry Cell Manufacturing Company stated that the aim of the factory was to make them as alternative source of power. He added that the factory's product would also be exported to neighboring states, after it has diversified its production and achieved self-sufficiency for the Kingdom.

The opening function is to be attended, among others, by Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaihi, high-ranking officials and members of the company's board of directors.



Dr. Fayez Badr

piracy, sea pollution and monopoly of insurance companies.

Badr will preside at the second day of conference. The meeting will be under 'Arab countries — Seas and Oceans', attended by 20 Arab states. Side meetings between delegates of developing countries and industrial nations will be held, during which the developing world will display their achievements and projects on seas, rivers and lakes.

The conference and exhibition is to be opened by the Senegalese President Leopold Senghor. The French minister of transport, Joel Le Theule, will attend the opening under the auspices of Jack Chaban Delmas the mayor of Bordeaux, and a former prime minister of France.

Saudi Arabia's wing in the exhibition will be 600 square meters. The Port Authority will display photographs and charts representing the development of Saudi Arabian ports. Eighty countries, of which 15 are from Europe, will take part in the exhibition.

Dr. Badr will pay a two day official visit to France starting Thursday. He will visit the port of LeHavre.

PIA festival week planned for Jeddah

AL-KHOBAR, March 2 — As a result of the success of the Pakistan Food Festival in Al-Khobar, Pakistan International Airlines said it would host a similar show in Jeddah.

The festival was organized by the airlines in cooperation with the Algosaihi International Hotel. The show catered to 1,200 guests.

PIA flew in experienced cooks from its main Karachi kitchen with Pakistani spices and ingredients, to prepare the dishes.

The festival was attended by Sheikh Ahmed Hamed Al-Gosaibi, chairman of the Al-Gosaibi Ahmed Hamed Al-Gosaibi Group, new Ambassador of Pakistan to the Kingdom, Najmul Saqib Khan and Chairman of PIA, Enwar Jamal, in addition, the event was attended by prominent Saudi nationals.

An ensemble of Pakistani folk musicians entertained the guests.

There is a large Pakistani population in the Eastern Province and the volume of trade exports to Saudi Arabia is \$ 100,000,000. There are already links between the two countries, and PIA hopes to further those bonds.

Medina governor opens U session

MEDINA, March 2 (SPA) — On behalf of Crown Prince Fahd, the rector of the Islamic University of Medina, Governor of Medina Prince Abdul Mohsen opened the ninth session of the higher council of the university.

He said at the opening speech Saturday that the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan was a move towards the Islamic countries to destroy them.

Prince Abdul Mohsen called on the Islamic world to take additional measures to expose the ugly crime the Soviets committed against Afghanistan's people. Youths should be directed to the right path and the present situation when Zionists, Communists and Colonialists are waging a war of ideologies against Islam, he said.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, director general of the Department of Scholarly Research, Propagation and religious Guidance said the university graduated considerable number of Muslim teachers, judges and guides. He is also a member of the higher council of the Islamic University of Medina.

Sheikh Baz said the Islamic world needs Muslim experts to fight digression facing Muslims throughout the world. The establishment of the Islamic university will always be a bright light on Saudi Arabia in serving Muslims and Islam, he said.

Diesel engines for Rabegh plant

LONDON March 2 (LPS) — Three of a new line in diesel engines will power generators at the desalination plant at Rabegh, North of Jeddah.

Each of the sets will supply 960 kw of power for the complex which has no electrical grid supply. Two of the units, will provide electricity for the plant and the third will be on standby.

Mirlees Blackstone, of Stockport, north-west England, markets a range of diesel engines and this is its first export order for the latest ESL Mark 2 engine for industrial generators.

The order is worth £250,000 and has been placed by the construction engineers for the Saline Water Conversion Corporation at Rabegh.

In addition, the delivery of switchgear and distribution boards ordered from the UK by the Riyadh Electric Company will start within the next month or two and is due to be completed by January 1981.

The order — worth almost £2.5 million — comprises 11,000 volt oil-filled ring main units and 1500-amp fused distribution boards for Riyadh's electricity supply system.

It was placed with W. Lucy & Co Ltd. of Oxford, southern England, which has been selling to Riyadh Electric for the past six years.

A manufacturer of electrical switchgear

The higher council is to discuss the building of university branches in Indonesia, Nigeria and a Sharia college in Pakistan. In addition, discussion will center on a proposal to establish a Dean of Admissions, regulations for 'Dar Al-Qoran Al-Kareem' and admission in the university and its institutions.

The council will review the annual report and an authorization for the council to assess executive rules for institutions related to the university. The budget for the 1980-81 school year also will be reviewed.

Prince Abdul Mohsen also dedicated the university's new printing press.

The press took two years to build and cost SR 5 million. It is comprised of the most advanced machinery used in printing and publishing books.

The Saudi Arabian government supported the establishment of the Islamic University from its conception. Prince Mohsen said the university has about 5,000 Muslim students of 100 different nationalities.

Dr. Abdullah ibn Abdulrahman Al-Zayed, deputy rector of the university, emphasized the role of the press in aiding the spread of Islam. During the Saturday ceremony, Abdullah Al-Zayed reviewed the achievements of the Islamic University of Medina in serving Islam and Muslims.

since 1910, the British company has supplied a large volume of equipment to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf over a long period.



Prince Saud ibn Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz

Tihama board to hold meeting

JEDDAH, March 2 — Prince Saud ibn Fahd ibn Abdul Aziz, the chairman of Tihama Advertising, Public Relations and Marketing Research Company, has called for meetings of the company's general assembly and board of administration Monday evening.

Tihama Director General Sheikh Muhammad Said Tayeb said the board will discuss the vice-chairman's report on the activities during the 1979-80 fiscal year. It will also examine 1979's closing accounts and approve distribution of profits to shareholders.

The company's advertising and information activities expanded during the past fiscal year as Tihama entered the fields of publication and distribution of Saudi newspapers and magazines to an increased number of readers.

New donations for Afghan fighters

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, and the chairman of the donations board for Afghan freedom fighters, received Sunday a new list of donations totalling to SR226,880.

The board received donations Saturday of SR13,430,685 of which SR1 million was given by Sheikh Saleh Ahmad ibn Mahfouz, director general of the National Commercial Bank for the bank and its branches. Ali Hafiz Wahba gave SR505,000, Muhammad Al-Aly Al-Sane Establishment of Riyadh, Medina and Buraidah donated SR500,000, SR400,000 came from Sheikh Abdullah Abdul Aziz Al-Anquari, SR300,000 from the sons of Sheikh Abdul Rahman Al-Anquari, SR300,000 from Projects and Trade Company Abdullah Al-Azquari and partners and SR100,000 came from Abdul Aziz Hosni Ghandourah.

On Friday and Thursday the board received two lists totalling to SR706,217.

All together donations received so far for Afghan fighters have exceeded SR40 million. The donation fund was created by royal decree issued in response to public demand to aid the freedom fighters in Afghanistan.

Donations have come from all financial sectors of the Kingdom — from school children to leading figures in the country.

The contributions indicate a positive nationwide response to King Khaled's appeal for support of the Muslim's fighting the Soviets in Afghanistan.

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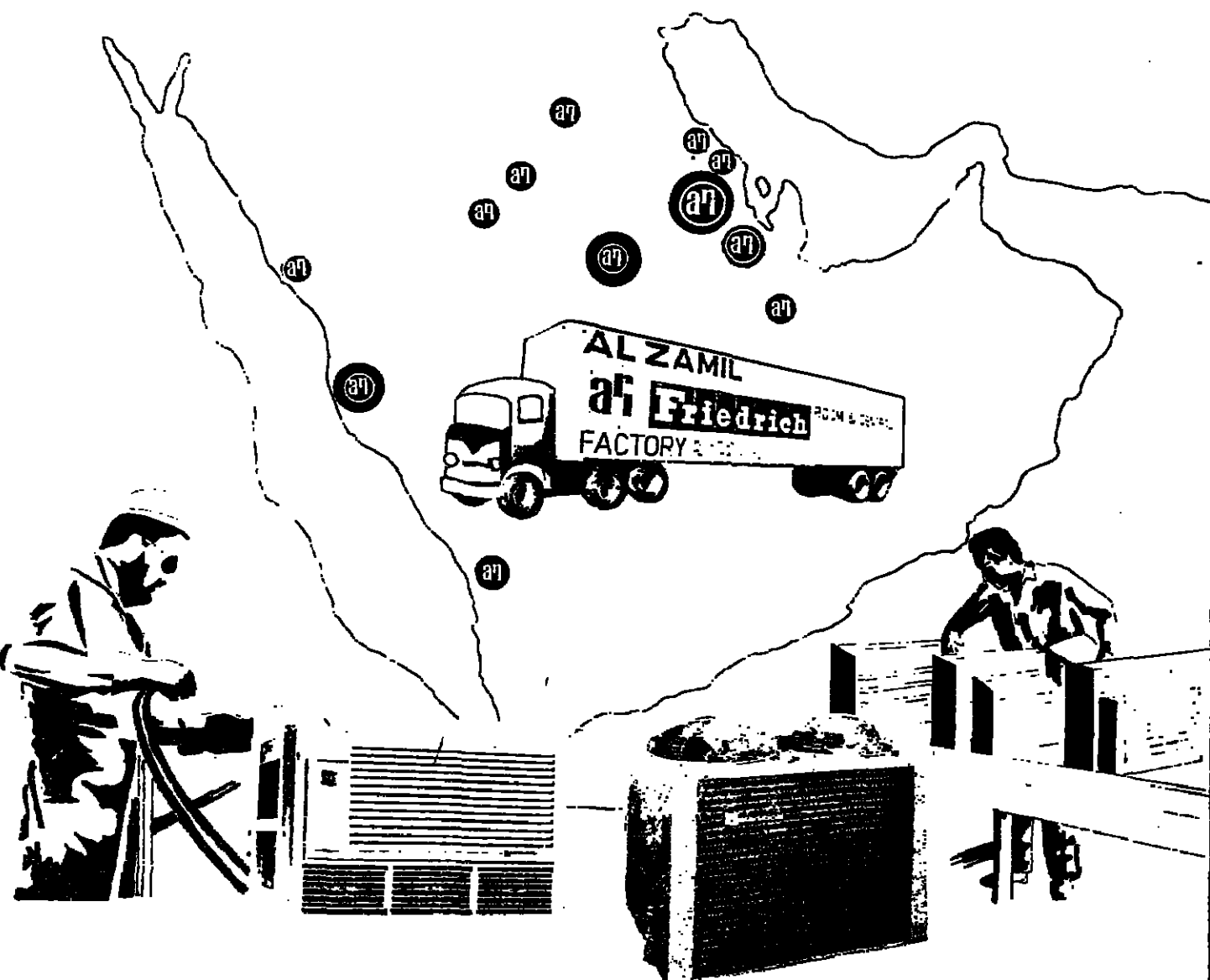
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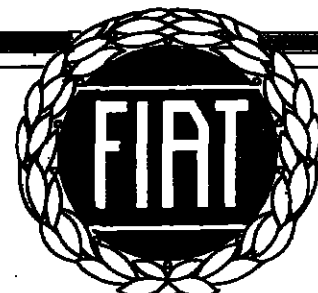
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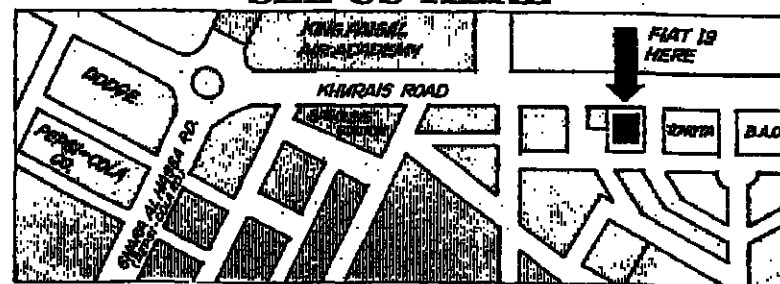
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Board meeting March 11

DB to review policies

JEDDAH, March 2 — The Islamic Development Bank's Board of Governors reviewed the bank's activities and considered the direction for the current year during the 10th annual meeting.

The meeting is to be held in the Hotel Riddan's Conference Hall March 11-13. The Islamic Development Bank is an international financial institution established pursuant to the Declaration of Intent issued at a Conference of Finance Ministers of Muslim Countries held in Jeddah in Zil-Qadah 93H, (December 1973). The inaugural meeting of the Board of Governors took place in Jeddah 1395H (July 1975), and the bank formally opened on 15th Shawwal, 1395H (20th October, 1975).

The purpose of the Bank is to foster the economic development and social progress of member countries and Muslim communities individually as well as jointly in accordance with the principles of Sharia.

The functions of the Bank are to participate in equity capital and grant loans for productive projects and enterprises besides providing financial assistance to member countries in other forms for economic and social development. The Bank is also required to establish and operate special funds for specific purposes including a fund for assistance to Muslim communities in non-Muslim countries.

MECCA, March 2 (SPA) — Guinea President Ahmed Sekou Toure arrived here Sunday morning from Jeddah to perform the Hajj (minor pilgrimage) and pray in the Haram Mosque.

He was met at the entrance of the mosque by a number of officials in the Holy city.

BRIEFS

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Col. Salem Abdullah Al-Ghazali, Omani defense undersecretary, returned here Sunday after a visit to the arms factory in Al-Kharj area. During the visit, Ghazali inspected various sections of the factory where he was briefed on production, performance and progress. Ghazali is accompanied by Maj. Gen. Ibrahim Farisi, director general of the factory and other commanders and officers of the armed forces.

DAMMAM, March 2 (SPA) — The Eastern Province General Directorate of Education is organizing a training session for the group of Public Health and the Red Crescent.

DOHA, March 2 (SPA) — The sixth conference of the Organization of Arab Capitals elected the mayor of Doha, Ali Muhammad Al-Khatir as its chairman Sunday, with the representatives of Jerusalem, Manama, Algiers and Khartoum to serve as vice-chairman.

DAMMAM, March 2 (SPA) — A French agriculture delegation met with members of the Damman Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sunday to discuss agricultural cooperation and continued agriculture development in the Kingdom. The delegation proposed possible agriculture projects, laboratories, fodder factories and dairies in Saudi Arabia using French expertise. The delegation arrived here Friday and has visited irrigation and drainage project and seen measures being used against the advance of desert in Hasa.

member countries, in addition to setting trust funds.

The Bank is authorized to accept deposits and to raise funds in any other manner. It is also charged with the responsibility of assisting in the promotion of foreign trade, especially in capital goods, among member countries, providing technical assistance to member countries, extending training facilities for personnel engaged in development activities and undertaking research for enabling the economic, financial and banking activities in Muslim countries to conform to the Sharia.

It has been constant endeavour of the Bank to expand and accelerate its operations and viewed from this standpoint it is satisfying to note that there was a substantial expansion in the Bank's financing operations during 1399H (December 1978 — November 1979). Total financing approved by the Bank during the year amounted to ID 381.68 million (\$490.94 million) reflecting a 73 per cent increase over the previous year.

By the end of 1399H total approvals by the Bank for project financing and foreign trade financing reached ID 759.53 million (\$943.32 million) covering 114 projects — operations in 30 member countries. The year witnessed a further diversification in the Bank's operations. Amounts approved under the project financing amounted in 1399H to ID 119.25 million (\$152.85 million), details of which are as follows:

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Technical Assistance	... ID 1.68 million

The total amount approved under project financing since inception has now increased to ID 313.85 million (\$383.89 million).

Foreign trade financing operations introduced in 1397H as a means of utilizing funds not immediately needed for project financing showed a marked increase during 1399H and amounted to ID 262.43 million (\$338.09 million). Total foreign trade financing approved by the Bank till the end of 1399H amounts to ID 445.68 million (\$559.43 million) which represents about 59 per cent of the total financing by the Bank.

WEATHER

Cold winds will continue in Saudi Arabia, with cold weather expected in the evening, particularly in the Northern Province. The Northern, and Central areas will be covered with thick clouds leading to scattered showers. Northern winds will be active in the Northern, Central and Southern provinces, raising dust.

Conditions will be choppy in the Red Sea and moderate in the Gulf.

Sunday's temperatures (maximum, minimum, in centigrade)

Mecca	27	13
Jeddah	26	15
Riyadh	23	13
Dhahran	25	19
Medina	21	13
Taif	18	07
Jizan	32	25
Hail	14	04
Turaif	06	02
Arar	12	06
Jouf	13	03
Abha	18	12

In conformity with its policy of according priority to projects which promote and strengthen economic cooperation among member countries, the Bank directed special attention to the financing of regional projects. The tempo of technical assistance activities was also well-maintained during the year. In line with its policy of directing greater attention to least developed member countries, as much as 47 per cent of the total financing undertaken during the year went to these countries as against 38 per cent in the preceding year.

At the same time there was a further widening of relationships with national development banks. As a sign of its eagerness to mobilize additional resources, the Bank has decided to accept deposits and detailed arrangements are being worked out for the purpose.

The present membership of the Bank consists of 36 countries. Four more countries are in the final stage of completing the formalities of membership. The basic condition for membership is that the prospective member country should be a member of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and be willing to accept such terms and conditions as may be decided upon by the Board of Governors.

The authorized capital stock of the Bank is two billion Islamic Dinar, divided into 200,000 shares having a par value of 10,000 Islamic Dinars each. The value of the Islamic Dinar, which is a unit of account in the Bank, is equivalent to one SDR (Special Drawing Right of the International Monetary Fund). The subscribed capital of the Bank is 780 million Islamic Dinars paid in freely convertible currency acceptable to the Bank.

The Bank's principal office is located in Jeddah in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the Bank is authorized to establish agencies or branches elsewhere.

The Bank's financial year is the lunar Hijrah Year.

U.S. official cancels visit

JEDDAH, March 2 The United States embassy has announced that Joe Butler, the agricultural trade officer, has cancelled his scheduled visit to Jeddah because of illness. The visit was due to take place Monday. His appointments and the evening reception in his honor have been cancelled. His trip will take place later.



TREE WEEK: Deputy Governor of Riyadh Prince Sattam bin Abdul Aziz helps to plant a tree during celebrations for the third plant-a-tree week. Prince Sattam urged more than 550 youths to devote more effort in planting trees throughout the Kingdom. He told the youths, "The tree plays a vital role in beautifying the environment and keeping the weather pleasant."

New Arab firm for transport

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — An Arab organization for Land and Sea Transport will be set up here to create investment companies in these fields.

The decision was made Sunday at the 14th session of the Arab League's Standing Communications Committee.

The project, sponsored by Saudi Arabia, aims to foster cooperation among Arab countries to improve land and sea transport strategy to help Arab economic interests.

The conference entrusted the Arab League's General Secretariat to prepare a detailed project for the organization. The study will be submitted to the forthcoming session of the Arab Economic and Social Council.

The committee also recommended establishment of an Arab registration authority to be seated in Kuwait.

A sub-committee on maritime shipping will meet in Kuwait, on May 3, to examine the

proposal. It will comprise experts from Kuwait, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Algeria and Iraq.

Another sub-committee on transport will meet in Tunis to work out an Arab strategy in the field of transport. Members of the sub-committee are Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Syria, Kuwait, Algeria, Tunisia, and Palestine.

The committee urged its members to supply the latter sub-committee with all the information they have and the studies they made on the proposed transport strategy.

It recommended a thorough examination by each member state of the air transport regulations and conventions among Arab countries, on the one hand, and between Arab countries and international aviation, on the other. The purpose of the proposed study is to preserve Arab interests and secure better advantages for Arab nationals.

Inflation control commended

RIYADH, March 2 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia managed to cut inflation to less than one quarter of the levels forecast by experts, the Kingdom's Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said Sunday.

He told newsmen that economic experts predicted a rate of inflation no less than 45 per cent as a result of the level of government spending. "However, thanks to our wise financial policy, we managed to keep that rate in the vicinity of ten per cent," the minister said.

While the pace of development is being maintained, Saudi officials are keen on checking inflation "which is an ogre eating the welfare of the country's nationals," he added.

Dr. Yamani said he was proud of the Kingdom's policies which helped achieve such results and for which the Kingdom is enjoying its current certainty.

He also discussed at length the Kingdom's role as a moderator and stabilizer for world economy. Dr. Yamani affirmed that Saudi Arabia acted in a responsible manner as a member of the world community with its positive contribution in preserving economic certainty. It did so in and outside the framework of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Regrettably, "certain firms" have achieved fantastic and unwarranted gains at the consumers' expense, both in the developing and least developed countries and in the industrialized world he said. As a result, this has a two-pronged effect on the economy of many countries. Oil prices have risen, and this in turn has led to an increase in the price of petrochemical products at the detriment of many a developing country.

In the meantime, he said, Saudi Arabia has always endeavored to spare developing, and least developed countries, in particular, the woes of a sudden rise in the price of petroleum.

Dr. Yamani, in the morning, held his periodical meeting with Saudi editors with whom he discussed their problems and a means of developing the press and spreading its publication at home and abroad.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdul Aziz Khoja, the deputy minister of information for information affairs.

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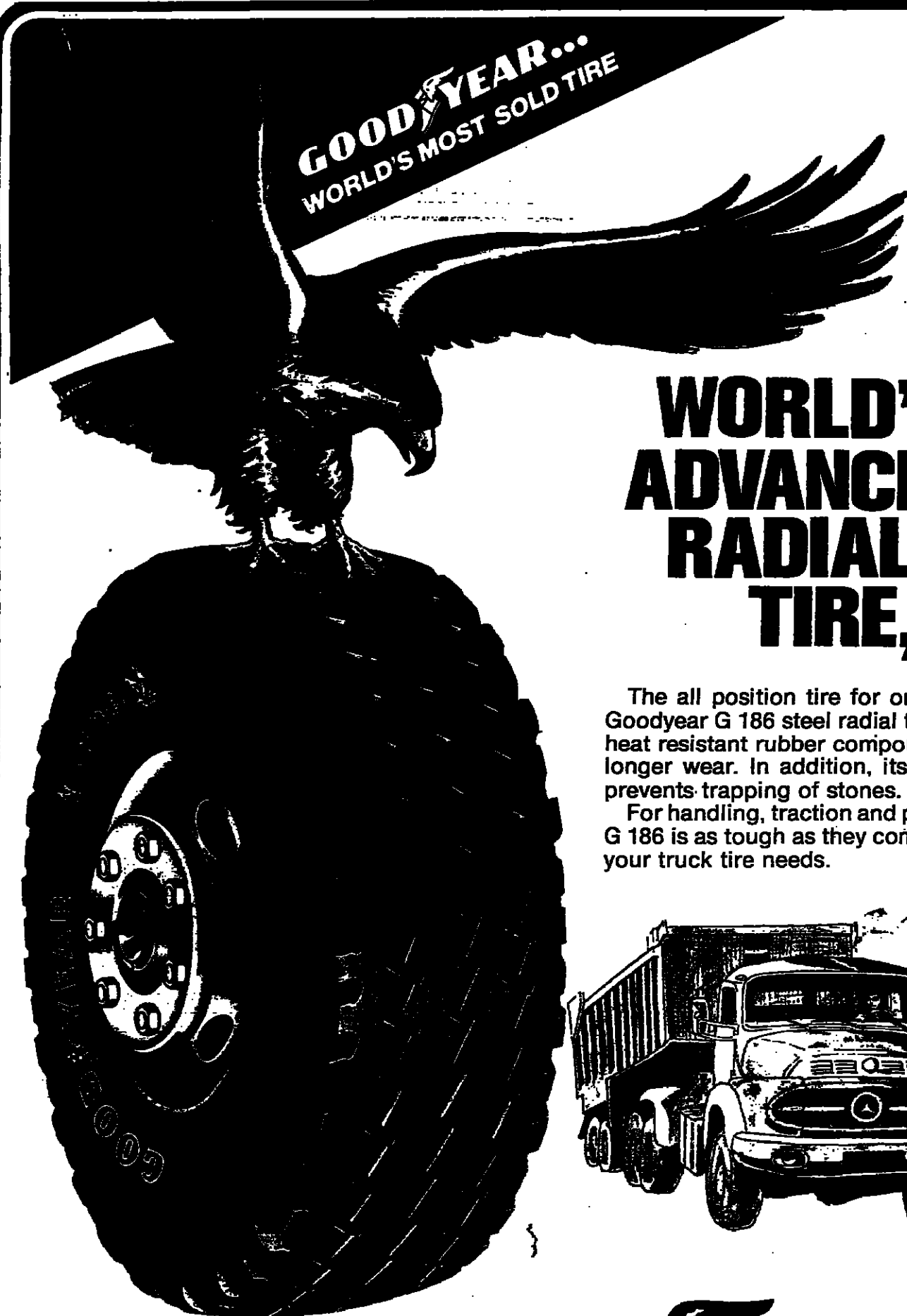
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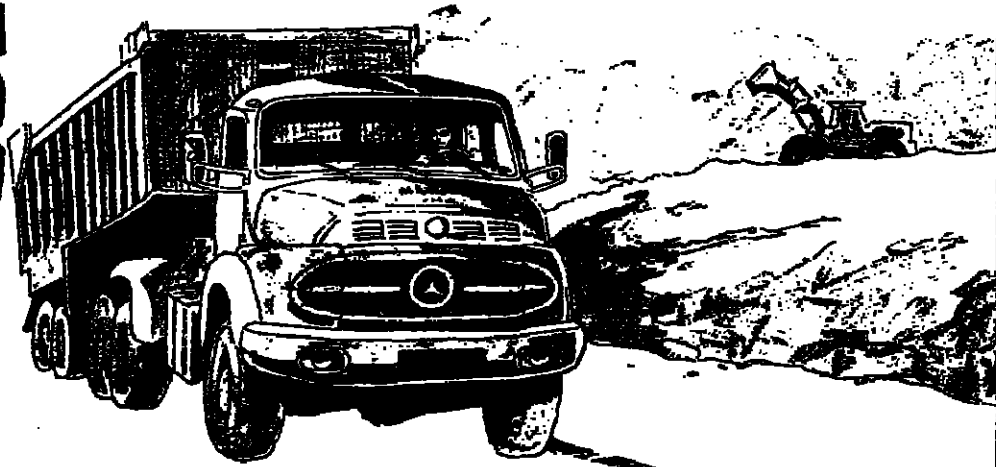
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New M.E. move foreseen by Prince Hassan

DOHA, March 2 (R) — Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan has attacked the U.S.-negotiated peace accords between Egypt and Israel and said they could be replaced by a new initiative within the next few months.

In an interview with Qatar television Saturday Prince Hassan said: "There is a great contradiction between a comprehensive Middle East settlement, based on total Israeli withdrawal from Arab lands including Jerusalem, and the current steps which are aimed at producing quick solutions for international political reasons."

"Perhaps in the next two or three months we will be able to break America's grip and make a new move which will take us onto the essential issues," Prince Hassan said, adding: "There is currently a European move in this direction."

Recent European action has included a proposal by Britain to change a U.N. resolution on the Middle East to take more account of Palestinian rights, widely referred to as the heart of the conflict.

Talks between Egypt, Israel and the U.S. on autonomy for Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip have dragged on for nine months without major result but are scheduled to be completed in May this year.

Prince Hassan said Jordan, as one of the states directly confronting Israel, was suffering all the more from world inflation. But he



Crown Prince Hassan

added that he had found Qatar understood Jordan's problems and special committees were meeting to study cooperation between the two countries.

He said one area of cooperation would be "the exploration for and exploitation of various resources, including perhaps energy resources." He gave no further details.

Jordan is rich in phosphates and has deposits of other minerals. It has also been exploring for oil.

Prince Hassan arrived in Qatar Friday after a visit to Kuwait. He was due to leave for Iraq Sunday.

Pakistan protests to Russia over violation of airspace

ISLAMABAD, March 2 (AP) — The Pakistan Air Force fired twice at a Soviet military aircraft which violated Pakistani airspace Saturday, a foreign office spokesman reported.

The spokesman said the Soviet plane was not hit and was later escorted out of Pakistan's airspace under orders from President Zia ul-Haq that the plane should not be harmed.

The violation, which occurred around 0630 GMT Saturday, was the first ever to be

committed by a Soviet aircraft, he said.

Pakistan has instructed its ambassador in Moscow to lodge a strong protest with the Soviet government regarding the incident.

Observers said the incident is being regarded here as "serious" in view of the tension along the border with Afghanistan since the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in late December.

Afghan Air Force planes have violated Pakistani airspace 32 times in the past few weeks, but the Pakistan Air Force has been ordered not to open fire, the spokesman said.

Qaddafi says Libya ready for dialogue with United States

TRIPOLI, March 2 (R) — Libya sees no peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict but is ready for dialogue with Israel's main backer, the United States, according to Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

Interviewed by Reuters Saturday the Libyan leader maintained his stance of refusing all negotiations with Israel and insisting that only bullets could resolve the dispute.

"There is no alternative — either give up the struggle, surrender to Israel and sacrifice the Palestinian people, or continue the fight," he said.

Qaddafi added that he would start dialogue on the day when only oriental Jews remained in Palestine and the others had gone back to the countries from which they emigrated.

Asked whether a return by Israel to its pre-1967 boundaries might be an important step in the right direction, he replied: "We want Israel to return to its pre-1948 boundaries."

Tehran plagued by traffic jams as car ban ended

TEHRAN, March 2 (R) — Chaotic traffic returned to the streets of Tehran Saturday after a week-long experiment banning all private cars was called off by Mayor Mohammad Tavassoli.

Although the scheme was officially declared a success, it appeared more public transport was needed before a permanent car ban could be introduced.

Tavassoli said on state radio there was 60 per cent less traffic in the Iranian capital during the test period.

Government officials said they would study statistics such as the absentee rate at offices and factories to assess the value of banning private cars on a more regular basis during daylight hours.

The ban was complicated by wet-weather and snow which kept many people in outlying areas of the capital away from work.

Saturday the city's streets were once again clogged with some of the world's worst traffic.

Among the problems the car ban might solve are the dangerously high pollution levels in Tehran and the high rate of car imports, the officials said.

Tehran's previous mayor was executed shortly after last year's Islamic revolution on charges including driving the population mad by allowing traffic to grow unchecked.

Ethiopian head hits at offering bases to U.S.

NAIROBI, March 2 (R) — Ethiopian Head of State Mengistu Haile Mariam Sunday made a veiled attack on neighboring countries which offered increased military facilities to the United States and said Socialist Ethiopia would look to its defenses.

In a speech broadcast by Addis Ababa radio marking the anniversary of the defeat of the Italian army by the imperial Ethiopian army at the battle of Adowa in 1896, Lt. Col. Mengistu said:

"Imperialism and reaction have revised new methods to attack us and our revolution..."

"Puppet governments which get nourishment from imperialism by enslaving their peoples and opening wide the door of their countries are not only a threat to their own people, but also to those of us in the Horn of Africa and the Red Sea who have embraced socialism."

Mengistu claimed that imperialism has been fulfilling its mission by using reactionary and weak governments. We should not forget that these anti-people and damaging activities perpetrated upon us in this region have been carried out on the backs of these anti-people leaders."

Mengistu did not name any government but neighboring Kenya and Somalia have offered the United States increased access to their military facilities in the wake of the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

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Asked his alternative, Qaddafi said: "Military action, as in Zimbabwe is the only step in the right direction."

Qaddafi acknowledged that the question of Israel was the main obstacle with good relations with the United States, "although U.S. policies imposed many others."

But he said in spite of this "we have no objections with a face-to-face dialogue with the Americans. It is they who always shut the door, block all roads, but we would welcome the U.S. approach to try to mend fences," he said.

Turning to the Soviet Union, Qaddafi was reluctant to criticize Moscow's military intervention in Afghanistan. But he repeated several times: "I am against any intervention in

the internal affairs of any country. I am against asking for help from foreign forces and I am interested in the development of Islam and its non-alliance."

He denied that Islamic unity had been affected by the Soviet action in Afghanistan. "Right now there is no Islamic unity to be affected. The Islamic world is divided into spheres of influence," he said.

On another subject, Qaddafi flatly denied knowledge of the fate of Imam Moussa Sadr, the Lebanese religious leader who disappeared while on a visit to Libya in 1978.

"I am now convinced that Moussa Sadr reached Italy. There is new evidence to this and people in Libya believe it. We shall exert every effort to look for him in Italy," Qaddafi

said. The Moussa Sadr issue was no longer a problem between Libya and Iran, he said.

"Iran will become the second Jamahiriyyah, perhaps the strongest one," he said, referring to the system of Islamic socialism practised in Libya under his guidance.

On the U.S. hostages held in Iran, Qaddafi said: "Efforts should also be made against the Shah, but the hostages should be freed if they are innocent."

Asked whether this meant some or all of them should be out on trial, he replied "I am not a judge," and added: "I cannot stand on the side of America in its crisis against my brothers, the Iranians."

19 years of war

Eritrean guerrillas set for escalating fight

By Jonathan Goeling

ERITREA, March 2, (OFNS) — Kassala is a hot and busy market town in Eastern Sudan. Among the street crowds the Eritreans are easily distinguished — refugees from a conflict that has ravaged their country for nearly two decades.

It was from here that I entered Eritrea with the Eritrean Liberation Front, traveling in one of the vehicles that leave every evening laden with food, medicines and people. The supplies are distributed by night to the liberated areas of the western lowlands, stronghold of the ELF, which is one of two guerrilla organizations fighting the Russian-backed Ethiopian army.

Despite Ethiopia's superiority in heavy weapons such as Soviet T54 tanks, I found the Eritreans in an offensive mood. The other organization active in the field is the Eritrean People's Liberation Front — EPLF. Despite a long history of division they and the ELF are now cooperating militarily to some degree.

Around Asmara they are conducting a continuous guerrilla war to prevent Ethiopian troops joining up with their army in the northern highlands and Sahel.

It is in the EPLF's Sahel territory that most fighting is now going on, with all the major cities garrisoned and besieged. As the Sahel fighting progresses in favor of the Eritreans, it is difficult to see what Ethiopia hopes to gain from its tenacious hold on the cities and towns. All are surrounded, vulnerable to attack and must be supplied by air.

If sorties manage to push through the Eritrean lines beyond the city outskirts they are soon enveloped in apparently empty countryside peopled only by hostile and highly efficient guerrillas.

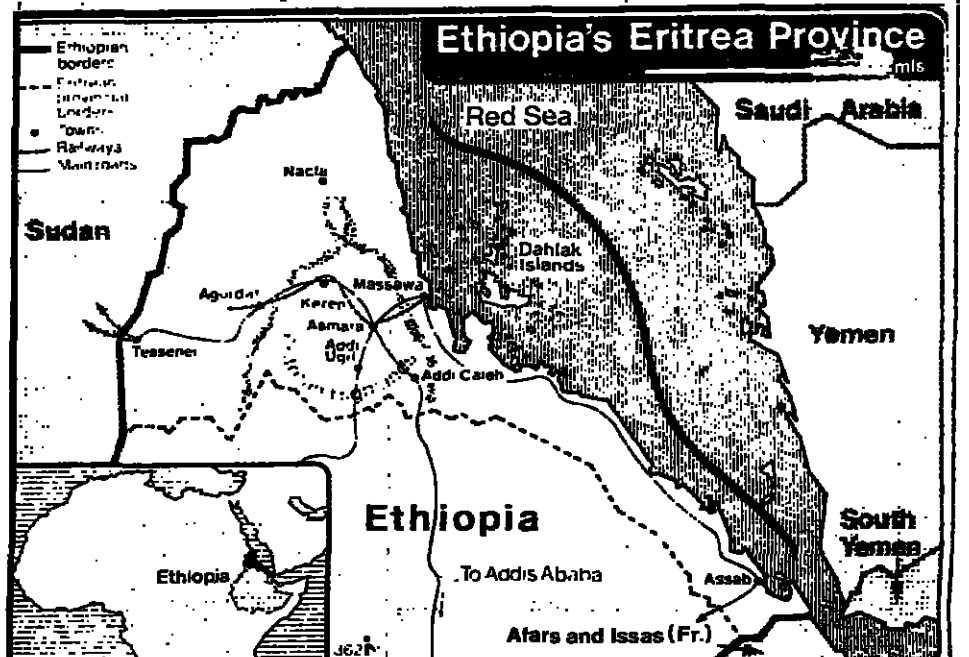
Agordat, a large town on the western edge of the highlands, is a good example. Set on the banks of the River Barka, surrounded by steep, rocky hills, the huge mosque and hospital look small and

vulnerable, and on the mound behind the town the old, squat fort shimmers in the heat.

The Ethiopian trenches and minefields encircle the town, reaching out to include the airfield, their lifeline for all supplies from bread to bullets. Facing them across the dry river bed are the ELF front lines, while a mile away, behind the crest of every hill, the guerrillas watch the movements of each tank or plane.

All is not well within the Ethiopian army. The preferential treatment afforded the regular army is resented by the peasant militia, who do the same work and invariably form the front line of attack. Mostly Oromos from southern Ethiopia, they are press-ganged into the militia while visiting their local markets, and then sent off with the minimum of training to put down the "bandits in the north."

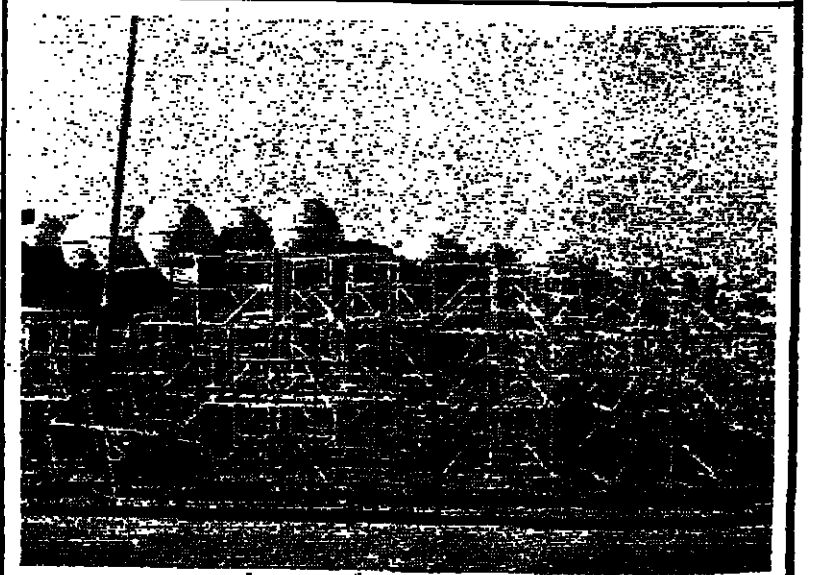
The demoralized troops often desert.



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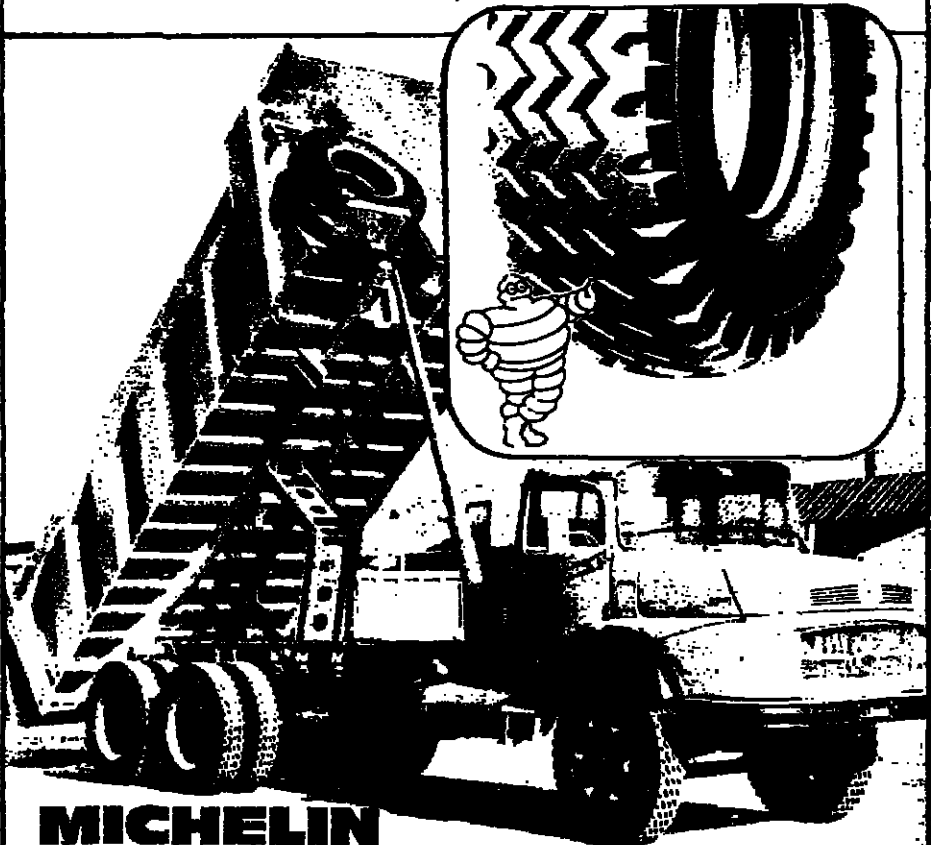


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The F-15 Eagle on its maiden flight.



The F-16 fighter plane gets a final look before take-off.

The 'right stuff' gets a raw deal

By George C. Wilson
The Washington Post

LANGLEY AFB, Virginia — The fighter jocks flying the hottest planes in the sky, the ones who would go to war first, cannot figure out how Washington can be so damn dumb. To them, all this hollering over registration and the draft is like swatting at the flies rather than attacking the mammoth pile, to use a famous expression from one of their old leaders, Gen. Curtis E. LeMay.

The big problem in today's military, according to the pilots at Langley Air Force Base, is not recruiting or drafting new bodies although they favor this — but holding onto the men and women with "the right stuff" already in uniform.

"I feel unappreciated, taken advantage of," said Capt. William R. Looney III, in expressing the hurt felt by the proud men who are pilots. "I'm disappointed in my countrymen. Tomorrow I could die. The American civilian leadership doesn't appreciate I'm doing that for them."

Pentagon statistics and surveys show that many young pilots like Looney are fed up with losing money to inflation year after year as the president chips their pay and civilian workers get big raises.

So many pilots are quitting in protest that both the Air Force and Navy fear they will not have enough to man all their warplanes. The Air Force figures it will be 2,400 pilots short this fiscal year, 3,500 next and 4,100 the year after — unless pay and other benefits are improved dramatically. The Navy needed to keep 58 per cent of its young pilots this year but now estimates it will hold only 28 per cent of them.

The Air Force says it costs \$ 900,000 to train just one pilot in the sophisticated tactics needed to win dogfights against Russians flying modern planes. This expensive training makes the pilot highly saleable to commercial airlines and other civilian firms willing to pay twice as much as the military.

Today's jet pilot is a different breed from the storybook one — the hard-drinking, swashbuckler of Pappy Boyington fame. He has at least one college degree, often two. He talks and thinks like an engineer — or else he does not survive modern weapons. And, like everyone else, he worries about buying a house and putting aside enough money for his children's education.

He is hard to replace. Neither registration nor the draft would close the pilot gap. That is why General Lew Allen, Air Force chief of staff, and Admiral Thomas B. Hayward, chief of naval operations, are more worried about keeping the good people they have than finding new bodies.

The squadron commanders who would have to lead their pilots to war, like Lt. Col. Ralph Wetterhahn of the 71st Eagle squadron here, see concentrating on keeping staff as a matter of common sense.

"It's a whole lot cheaper to keep one guy from going out the back door than to try to take in three or four others through the front door to replace him," Wetterhahn says. Safer, too.

His squadron flies the hot F15 Eagle fighter under the motto: "Our mission is to fly, fight and win." with the word "win" underlined. Living or dying in today's air battles depends on decisions made in seconds high above the earth. Inexperienced pilots die quickly.

"We can draft people until we're blue in the face, bring them in for two years, and they roll out after two years," said Vice Adm. George E. R. Kinnell II, commander of the Navy's Atlantic fleet warplane squadrons. "But that doesn't do anything to build up the skilled manpower who take five or six years to train."

It is young pilots with six to 11 years service — especially ones attractive to airlines and other civilian employers — whom the Air Force and Navy are losing at an alarming rate. Why would these pilots trade whirling around the sky at 1,000 miles an hour in fighter planes that cost \$ 15 million to \$ 25 million each for the comparatively dull life of civilian jobs?

They are gathered to explain themselves at the building just off the air field here used by the 94th "Hat in the Ring" squadron. Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker made the squadron famous during World War I. The squadron's original stone "Hat in the Ring" symbol mounted in 1918 on the 94th's operations building in Toul, France, now marks the entrance to Squadron headquarters here.

The pilots gathered in the lounge wear red

or blue turtleneck jerseys under their flying suits. They begin with niceties and move quickly to anger — anger at Washington. Why does Washington care so much about draft legislation and "real growth" in the \$ 158 billion Pentagon budget? Why does it care so little about "real growth" in the pilots' \$ 24,000 a year pay checks?

The outrage is as visible in their conversation as the contrails from their F-15 Eagles against a morning sky.

"A lot of people have this money problem," continued Capt. Looney, 30, a native of Norman, Okla., an Air Force Academy graduate who also has a master's degree in management from the University of Michigan.

"It's not like we're saying poor Air Force officer, poor F15 pilot," Looney said. "But the thing is that you see your friends outside the service making more money, and you know you're just as well equipped and capable, if not more so, to make as much money as they do. You see what they can provide for their families. It frustrates you."

"I get a very good feeling for what I'm doing. Some day I'm going to be happy as hell and look back with great pride on the things I've accomplished in the military. But I'm exacting a pretty high price from my wife and my children to accomplish this for myself. They're the ones who are suffering."

"I feel unappreciated: taken advantage of. They know they've got a good deal in the majority of people who fly this airplane. I don't feel my general has done that to me. I feel the civilian leadership has done that to me."

"The airplane could blow up. Somebody could run into me or I could run into them or we could go to war and I could get killed. I've accepted this, as has everybody else in this room. The American civilian leadership doesn't appreciate I'm doing that for them. I'm disappointed."

Capt. James G. Boehm, 29, of Fairview Park, Ohio, one of the pilots who flew an F15 to Saudi Arabia early in the Iranian crisis, agreed.

"If you think you're getting bad vibes," Boehm said, "I want to tell you you're talking to guys who have the best assignment in the Air Force" — flying the F15 fighter. Many pilots flying lesser planes are even more dispirited, he said, because they feel their efforts are not appreciated. "We're in our job right now so kids in San Francisco can go out and demonstrate against the draft."

Capt. David A. Greschke, of Huron, South Dakota, has been in the Air Force for 10 years and is quite a commodity, on the civilian market. He holds an electrical engineering degree from South Dakota State University and a public administration degree from Colorado.

"I'm still motivated," said Greschke, "but I would expect, after 10 to 12 years in the Air Force, to be at a measurable level above where I started in pay, responsibilities and so on. But, really, all that has changed is the rank."

He and other pilots, some of whom pulled pay cards and other papers from their flight suit pockets to back their claims, said they have been losing to inflation year after year, most recently because President Carter capped their pay raises at 5 and 7 per cent — far below the actual rate of inflation.

The \$ 24,000 a year captains said they do not expect to be paid the \$ 60,000 to \$ 100,000 salaries of commercial airline pilots but resent risking their lives for a government that refuses to keep their pay ahead of inflation. They added that skilled enlisted people, like crew chiefs who keep their F15s flyable, are losing out, too.

"It's disheartening for me to go out to my jet and have my crew chief work my airplane and tip that same crew chief over at the commissary for bagging groceries," complained Capt. Rowe P. Stayton, 28, of Quinlan, Texas, an Air Force Academy graduate.

"There's something wrong with that system," continued Stayton in decrying the low pay for people who maintain planes as well as those who fly them. "The guy is expected to put in a hell of a job out there during the day and has to come over here in the evening to make ends meet by taking what I consider a demeaning position. More important, he cannot do his regular, very important job well because he is staying up too late doing the second job."

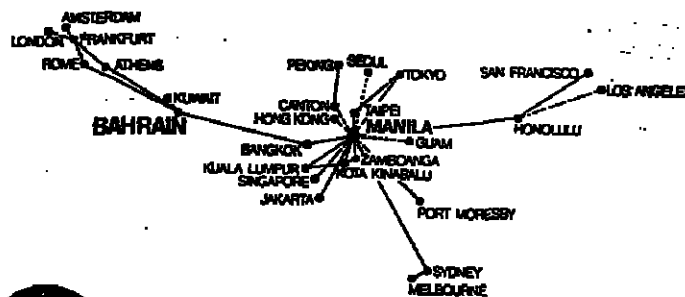
Stayton's crew chief for maintaining the \$ 15 million F15 is an E-3, or senior airman. His base pay is \$ 570 a month, or \$ 6,840 a year. Allowances on top of that push his pay to just under \$ 9,000.

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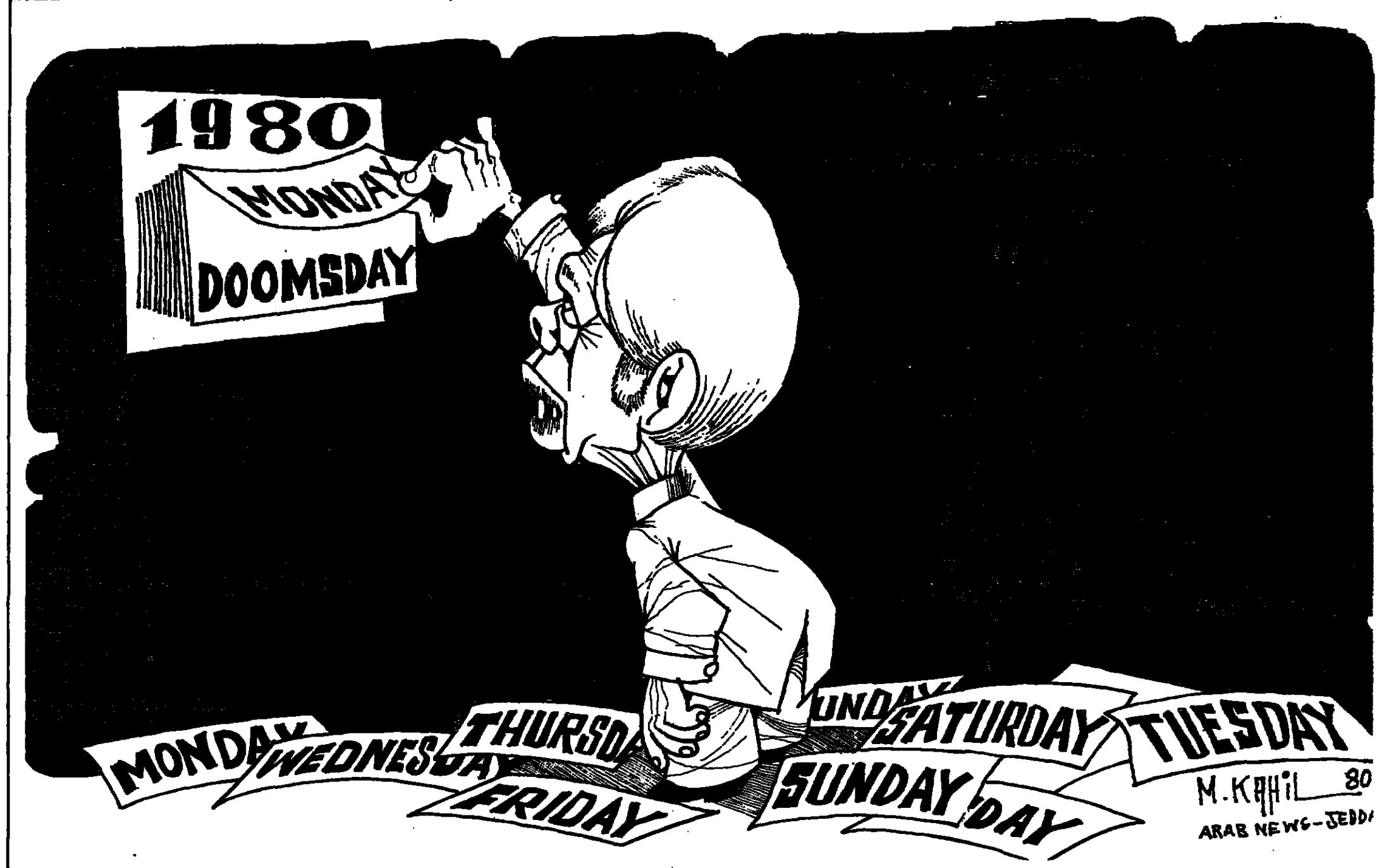
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Carter woos stars with White House parties

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES — Political star was waged in Hollywood recently as bets were placed on some piquant questions. Would Barbra Streisand come for Kennedy? Would disco queen Donna Summer save a last dance for George Bush? Would Bob Dylan come out for Carter?

One after another in this gaudy election year, showbiz superstars are finding themselves cast in new roles — power brokers in what looks to be one of the bitchier presidential contests of recent times. It's called "Hollydies," and it's a multi-million dollar operation for major importance to every White House aspirant, Democrat or Republican.

"It's getting rough out there," says Jeff Wald, a prominent fund-raiser for California Governor Jerry Brown. "The scramble for top names is fierce."

And the potential for profit is large indeed: three concerts given for Ronald Reagan's campaign chest by Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and friends grossed a tidy \$400,000 for the former star of "Bedtime for Boozoo." The 69-year-old Republican plans at least three more.

Two rock concerts for Brown, in Las Vegas and San Diego, featuring singer Linda Ronstadt and top

groups Chicago and the Eagles, netted roughly the same. Brown rented a train for one occasion, taking along guests Jane Fonda and Helen Reddy. Miss Ronstadt boosted the take by throwing a \$1,000-per-couple party at her Malibu seaside home for good friend Jerry.

Days later, Washington came to Malibu in the shape of Senator Edward Kennedy, wooing Miss Streisand. His suit was granted, aides claim.

The star of *Hello Dolly* agreed to appear at two whopping fund-raising galas for the Massachusetts senator, one in Los Angeles, one in New York. The gross could surpass \$1 million. La Streisand hasn't given a live concert in eight years.

President Carter has already garnered an eclectic bag of celebrities — Sarah Vaughn, Johnny Cash and Andre Previn among them. Rivals grumble that he wins over top artists with constant invitations to the White House. "Stars in Carter's pocket really want to do a show for Ronny," says a Reagan aide, "but they say after five dinners at the White House, they'd feel guilty."

Why is Hollydies — which has been around since Al Jolson helped out candidate Warren Harding with a rendition of "Mammy" in 1920 — so important this year?

Firstly because the 1974 law limiting individual contributions to \$1,000 made pop concerts a more profitable way of collecting small "donations" than cocktail or dinner parties. Pioneering Governor Brown showed that in 1976.

Second, because under a law passed last year, each offering of \$250 or less is eligible for matching funds from the U.S. government. The new rule allows candidates to claim these funds for that portion of a ticket price that is above its fair market value.

For example, Brown's staffers listed the accepted price of a Ronstadt concert as \$8.50, charged \$20, got \$11.50 in matching funds, grossed \$31.50 per ticket and cleared about \$170,000 from the federal till over the \$400,000 gate.

"Back in '72 a businessman could throw a candidate \$250,000. No more. Concerts are the answer today," says Wald.

Stars who will not perform can at least endorse. Each candidate has a specialized following. The "old" Hollywood clings to Reagan — James Cagney, Irene Dunne, Loretta Young, Gloria Swanson and others whose praise, if it does not win votes, generates publicity.

The Kennedy camp is rife with hardcore liberals — Jack Lemmon, Warren Beatty, Lauren Bacall, Mike Nichols and Elaine May.

Howard Baker (of Tennessee) has cornered the country-music market. John Connally has Bob Hope.

Courting Hollywood has its drawbacks. Agents get uppity, stars relish the exercise of new-found power. Governor Brown submitted to an hours-long grilling by the Eagles before being found worthy of their aid. A push from Jane Fonda reminding them of Brown's anti-nuclear attitudes won the day.

Some performers shun political concerts because their managers fear youthful audiences may sense they are being "used." "Whoever you sing for, you turn off half your fans," says one Hollywood agent.

But success continues to succeed. Republican aspirant George Bush thought rivals had show business "all tied up." Then came his Iowa triumph. "You'll be seeing some distinguished defectors shortly," says a Bush staffer.

Film producer and top rock-group manager Jerry Weintraub has already joined the Bush camp. He's persuaded the Beach Boys to give a fund-raising songfest for his champion this month. Now he is working on Miss Summer, who recently joined the ranks of "born-again" Christians.

Reborn disco queen and reformist ex-CIA director ... it could be an unbeatable combination. (OFNS)

FRANCO-ARAB RELATIONS

The beginning of the tour of Arab capitals by President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing of France recalls another great Franco-Arab occasion, in fact, the first chapter in the relations between the Arab world and France. This was the exchange of gifts and ambassadors between the great Abbasid Caliph Haroun al Rashid and the Emperor of the West Charlemagne.

The recollection is not without irony. Europe was then passing through its dark ages, while the light of civilization shone at its brightest in Arab lands. Now the French president comes to an Arab world just emerging from its long night of decline, one in which it had become an object of foreign domination and foreign greed, extending from the first onslaught of the Crusades to modern colonialism and imperialism.

This long period left its deep scars on Arab consciousness, scars which are just beginning to heal. France and the West generally were regarded with suspicion and hostility. And this remained the case until General de Gaulle laid the foundations for a new phase of Franco-Arab relations, when he made his historic switch on the question of Algerian independence, and furthered the process by ending the Israeli-French alliance after the war of 1967.

The French president is being welcomed now in the Arab world as a consistent carrier of the late great leader's policy on the Middle East, as one who recognizes the mutual interests, political, economic and cultural, that bind France in its post-colonialist present to the modern, independent Arab world. He is also welcomed as an honest broker, a representative of a Western Europe which is looking for a third way beyond the alternatives offered by the two superpowers.

Poland's Gierek in bid to halt cold war

By Neal Ascherson

WARSAW — Poland is making an offer — but not the sort of offer which can't be refused. Edward Gierek, first secretary of the Communist Party, knows that the first instinct of Western Europe will be to reject his plan for a European conference on disarmament to be held at Warsaw.

He simply hopes that, as international tension grows, the instinct of rejection will be followed by penitent second thoughts.

The terms of the offer are pretty vague, and not new. The Warsaw Pact proposed such a conference last autumn, when trying vainly to stop NATO accepting a new generation of American missiles to be stationed in Western Europe.

But that was before Afghanistan. Gierek said in Warsaw recently: "The political atmosphere should not be an obstacle to holding this conference." It might be a breakthrough to improving the international situation, even break deadlocks in other disarmament negotiations.

So he has revived the proposal, and offered War-

saw as the site of the conference, because Poland can foresee that in a few months' time communication between East and West may have broken down almost completely — in Europe, if not quite between the two superpowers. The context, at least, is new.

The content is more of a problem. It is being said here that the United States and Canada, non-European NATO powers, would be invited to attend. This, with the presence of the Soviet Union, would make the composition of the Warsaw conference the same as that of the European Security Conference due to hold its second review meeting in Madrid this November. The unofficial suggestion is that the conference should be at foreign minister level.

But, the West will ask, what is the point of a European gathering on disarmament when Madrid is obliged to review the progress of the Continent toward military security, and when there are still talks, frozen but not clinically dead, about mutual force reduction in Europe which are supposed to be going on in Vienna?

The answer may be that the Poles, especially, fear that Madrid may turn out to be the sort of hostile collision of angry blocs which achieves nothing positive and even makes East-West dialogue harder.

A high official suggested to correspondents that if the international atmosphere was as bad as it is now, he would suggest to his government that Madrid be postponed. This throws more light on the Gierek scheme. It is a way of extracting one element from the three elements of the Security Conference agenda — security and disarmament, economic and technical cooperation and human contacts.

It is a way of ensuring that the Europeans can keep talking about the part of détente which really matters fundamentally, keeping and improving the peace, without that topic being swamped in a screaming match about the violation of human rights and the cutting off or reduction of East-West trade.

The Vienna talks long ago slowed down and stuck in a bog of mutually unacceptable detailed demands for the reduction of conventional forces in both halves of Europe. The Poles plainly have little hope of saving them, unless their Warsaw conference can

somehow impetus to the whole idea of Continental disarmament.

Although Gierek suggested in his speech recently to the Communist Party Congress here that the Madrid meeting might agree to sponsor Warsaw, privately there is no optimism here that it would do so. It seems more likely that the Eastern bloc will suggest that the Warsaw conference should take place before Madrid.

So far, only the Poles have made this suggestion. It was noticeable that at the Party Congress none of the other Communist delegations, including the Soviets, referred to a European disarmament conference at all. Nonetheless, it seems unlikely that the idea was tabled without prior Soviet approval.

The only Western reaction so far has been a comment from Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German foreign minister, that the Gierek plan was "interesting." In the long history of well-meaning and intelligent Polish plans for reducing tension — the Rapacki plan for force reductions, the Gomulka plan for nuclear limitation in Central Europe — the Gierek plan takes its place. (OFNS)

saudi press review

In a lead story *Al Medina* Sunday carried Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsin's address to the new session of the Islamic University's Senate in which he said that the Soviet invasion was a threat to Islam. The statement of King Hussein of Jordan to the French newspaper *Le Figaro* in which he said that the Gulf region ought to be defended by the Arabs themselves provided the lead to *Al Jazirah*. *Okaz* played as its lead story French President Giscard d'Estaing's fresh peace initiative during his current tour of the Gulf. *Al Riyadh* chose as its lead the resolutions of the Kingdom's Civil Service Board to rectify the position of the regional governors. *Al Yam* highlighted in its lead the Japanese Premier's personal envoy Sonao Sonoda's arrival in the Kingdom and his praise of its role to realize peace and stability in the world.

In a front-page story, *Al Jazirah* reported a Pakistani nuclear

engineer being accused of stealing secret nuclear documents from Holland. In another front-page story, it said that Washington has renounced any initiative for an amendment to Resolution 242 of the U.N. Security Council. *Al Medina* frontpaged Soviet reinforcements in Afghanistan and the killing of innocent people by Afghan militia of the Khalq Party. *Al Medina* also frontpaged a statement by the North Yemeni Foreign Minister in which he denied the existence of any foreign bases in North Yemen. U.S. President Jimmy Carter's concern for any threat to the independence of Tunisia was flashed on the front page of *Okaz* which also gave a front-page prominence to Interior Minister Prince Naif's order to penalize those merchants who contravene the supply regulations of the country.

In an editorial on the French President's current visit to the Gulf, *Al Bilad* said it reiterated the

two sides' desire for an objective dialogue toward greater cooperation that would serve common interests. The paper called upon France to play a more active role in the realization of peace. Its peace role as a leading West European country would help to realize stability in the region and to maintain the international interests.

Okaz described Giscard d'Estaing's visit to the region as a "direct contribution in the consolidation of Franco-Arab relations", and said that the French leader's peace initiative reaffirmed his country's independent role that understood the rights of the Arabs. The French initiative also reflected European will now set to confront Israel's negative attitude toward peace.

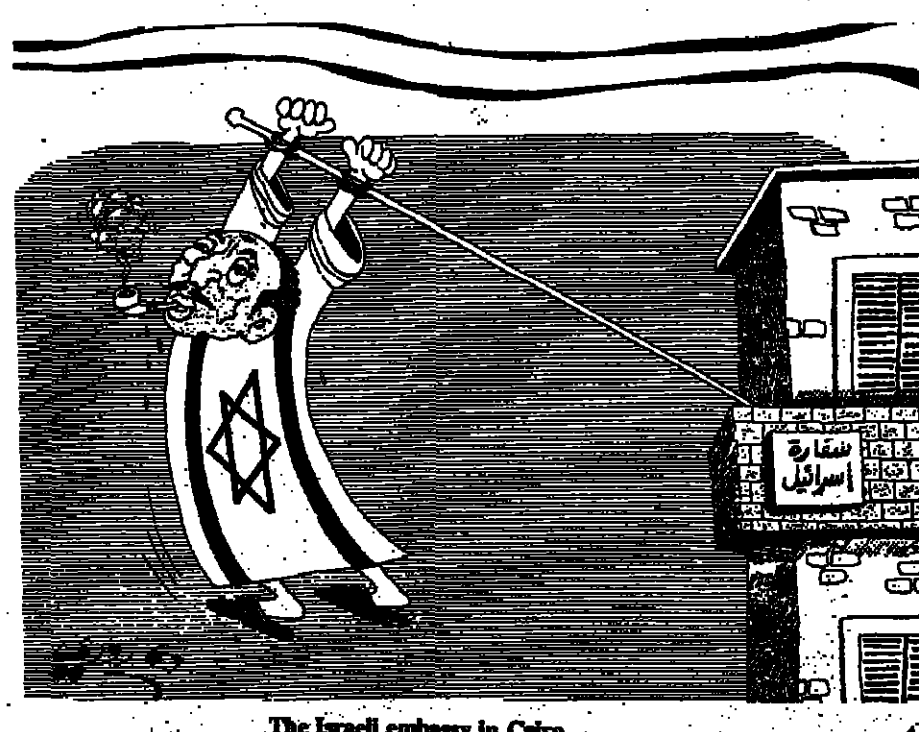
Al Jazirah sent out a renewed call for Arabs to map a unified strategy of action and to work on it with dedication. Differences among the Arab leadership will

continue so long as their petty differences are not eliminated, it said, adding that the Arab media must highlight the significance of such a strategy, so that the relations among Arab leaders become so strong as to reflect the strong bonds of brotherhood existing among their peoples.

The paper expressed pleasure over the Libyan-Tunisian reconciliation and hoped that the restoration of good bilateral relations would help the two countries to intensify their efforts, along with other Arab brethren, in serving the prime issue of the Arabs. The present situation does not allow the existence of rifts, as the Arabs have already suffered as a result of their differences, it said. The paper added that unity and solidarity are more necessary at a time when the Egyptian regime had completely ignored the value of Arab land and was bent upon selling the issue of Palestine to the enemy at insulting costs.

Al Riyadh said in an editorial now that Israel has gained ground in Egypt, it will not be afraid of Egyptian threats. Israel will not care because it knows that Egypt is now suffering from complete isolation while the American effort to break the deadlock has also failed. It will therefore continue in its policy of establishing Jewish settlements on the Arab soil, said the paper.

Israel's plans to equip itself with sophisticated weaponry is well-known, as it has sent experts to Washington to study the production of war planes that would match the efficiency of the U.S.-manufactured aircraft. This gives clear proof that Israel does not wish to give any regard to its allies, not even to Saudi. Despite this, Saudi is trying in vain to catch the mirage and is not convinced that American and Israeli plans are just the opposite of his "genius" thinking, concluded the paper.



The Israeli embassy in Cairo.

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On Tuesday, 11th of Rabi-ul-Awwal, 1400H, His Highness Prince Abdul Mohsin bin Jalawy, Governor of the Eastern Province graciously opened the Safeway Center in Dammam.

Businessmen of high repute, the traders and dignitaries who attended the inaugural function include: Sheikh Saad Al Mohammad Al Majail, Chairman of Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Eastern Province, Mr. Bakr Baghdady, Director of Commerce Office, Branch of Ministry of Commerce in Eastern Province, Mr. Mohammad Solaiman Al Mahana, Director General, King Abdul Aziz Port in Dammam, and Mr. Abdul Aziz Al Turaki, Manager of Municipality, Dammam.



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Sheikh Abdulla Fouad, one of the partners in Tamimi & Fouad Foods Limited welcomed His Highness Prince Abdul Mohsin Bin Jalawy and expressed his thanks to His Highness for having graced the occasion with his presence and formally opening the Safeway Shopping Center.

Sheikh Abdulla Fouad explained in greater detail the aims and objectives of opening Safeway Centers and told that Tamimi & Fouad intends to cover main cities of the Kingdom by opening 10 such Safeway Centers. He happily pointed out that two have already been opened i.e. one at Al Khobar and the other at Dammam which is now being opened by His Highness and the third will be coming up in Riyadh towards the end of this year. He also made it clear that the remaining centers, by the grace of God, will be completed within the next 3 years.



He explained that Safeway Centers are being established keeping in view the international standards of marketing quality foods and other related goods. He was exceptionally pleased in pointing out that His Highness Prince Abdul Mohsin bin Jalawy's presence on this occasion is a source of inspiration and has inspired confidence in our efforts in developing the local market in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The basic aim is to seek prosperity, security, justice and peace for all the citizens by opening up employment and career opportunities for the coming generations.

We are very grateful to His Highness for having encouraged us and always look forward to seek his advice and guidance to improve upon our own efforts. In delineating the role of business-



men and traders as partners in progress and development, he reiterated that having full confidence in God, the businessmen and traders today can play a vital role in providing the best services of high quality and cater to the needs of all the people by providing high quality goods and services at reasonable prices. We will also ensure that we maintain a standard of honesty and shall make every effort to

comply with the demands of hygienic perfection. He reiterated forcefully that, God willing, by 1403 H, Tamimi & Fouad shall be completing their target of opening a chain of supermarket centers and that Tamimi & Fouad shall endeavour to continue their participation in the development process of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The opening of the Dammam Center was commemorated by the official cutting of the ribbon by His Highness, Abdul Mohsin bin Jalawy, Governor of the Eastern Province. His Highness congratulated Tamimi & Fouad for their outstanding efforts and contribution in providing exceptional, modern shopping



facilities for the people of the Eastern Province.

The center consists of 10 main sections providing easy access to 8000 food and non-food items, plants and fresh flowers, quick meals, fresh vegetables and fruits, dairy products, bakery and sweets, meat, cosmetics, painting, magazines, books and greeting cards, electric appliances, cameras, clothing and shoes, and many other items. His Highness the Prince showed his keen appreciation for the cleanliness displayed throughout the facility and the quality of the goods available.

The total area of the Center is 8,000 square meters. Highly sophisticated and most modern architectural frame covers, 6000 square meters and an open space of 2000 square meters has been provided to ensure parking facilities for the customers.

The overall inaugural ceremony was very impressive and the presence of the Governor of the Eastern Province and the dignitaries provided encouragement and by the help of God such Centers shall contribute toward the successful development of the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia.

For prime minister

Thai general leads political race

BANGKOK, Thailand, March 2 (AP) — General Prem Tinsulanond, a 59-year-old career military man who entered the political scene three years ago, emerged Sunday as the most likely man to become Thailand's next prime minister following announcements by major political groups that they would give him full support.

Major political and military leaders met and maneuvered over the weekend in an attempt to select a successor to Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan, who resigned last Friday.

Prem's chances of becoming the new government leader increased Sunday after the other two strong contenders for the post announced that they would clear the way for Prem if that was the desire of the parliament and the public.

Former Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj, a candidate for the post, told reporters that he would accept a nomination by his party, but that he believed the new prime minister should be a military man with support from all quarters.

Supreme Commander General Sern Na

Nakhon, also tipped for the prime minister post, is reported to have sent word to superior military officers that he will withdraw his nomination when parliament meets Monday to select a new prime minister.

Prem, who heads Thailand's army and holds the defense minister portfolio, is regarded as a popular figure among the young officers. However, his inexperience in politics has raised doubts about his ability to handle economic problems and Thailand's delicate foreign policies in the wake of war in neighboring Cambodia.

Regarding Uganda peace-keepers

Tanzanian soldiers called 'society's riff-raff'

KAMPALA, March 2 (AP) — A Western diplomat said discipline is poor among Tanzanian soldiers, who he described as young and "the riff-raff society."

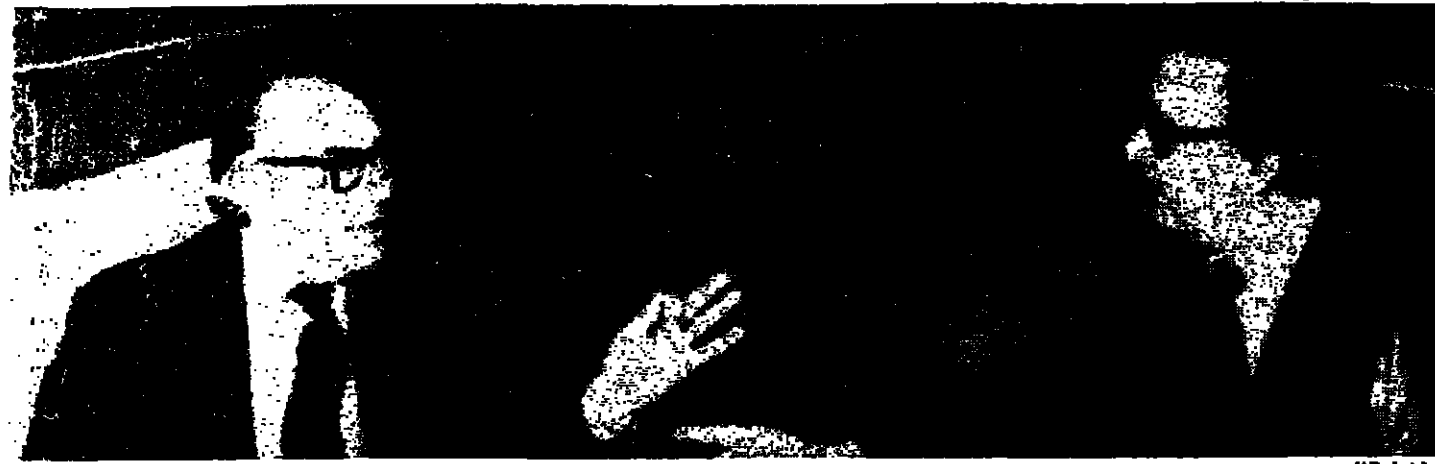
Tanzanian officers concede that some of their men have robbed and murdered, but they say offenders are being disciplined. The number of Tanzanians on patrol in Kampala have been reduced, apparently to minimize

friction with the public, and some guard duties have been handed over to Ugandans.

Some Ugandans have urged President Binaisa to bring in a more neutral peacekeeping force but Binaisa says his requests for reinforcements from other Commonwealth countries has been ignored. Some Tanzanian officers, irritated by what they describe as "ungratefulness," say they would like

nothing better than to pull out.

A basic problem according to a Ugandan political theorist — is that Ugandans did not have to unite to overthrow Amin, the Tanzanians did it themselves. However, local elections are scheduled for June, 1981. A new constitution is to be written, and once the democratic framework is complete, the Tanzanians plan to withdraw. Ready or not Uganda will face their problems alone.



ECONOMIC TALKS: Lazar Kolosovskiy, vice president of Yugoslavia's presidency, left, with Roy Jenkins, president of Common Market Commission during their talks in Yugoslavia to manifest EEC support to independent Yugoslavia.

Government study reports

Japan's population threatens social systems

TOKYO, March 2, (AP) — Japan's population is aging three to four times faster than any other industrialized nation, threatening the country's pension system with bankruptcy and putting several strains on the Japanese employment and medical systems. Over one fourth of Japan's people will be past the present mandatory retirement age of 55 by 1985, according to government studies, and the number of people receiving pensions (13 million) will double in the next 20 years. Most pension payments now begin at age 60.

At the same time, Japanese life expectancy

continues to grow. It is now 73 for men and 78 for women, one of the world's highest. And a trend away from extended families is increasingly isolating many older people who normally would be cared for by their children.

"This will have a tremendous impact on our society," Sojit Tanaka, specialist in aging for the Ministry of Health and Welfare, said in an interview.

"The impact will be both social and economic, (but) especially economic. It will mean a tremendous budget for medical costs, since old people are more often sick, chroni-

cally sick. There's the need for nursing homes. We don't have enough now, especially in big cities," he said.

For most Japanese, problems begin at age 55 — retirement age at about half of all companies.

"Since the level of pension payments is low — about 30 percent of income for those over 55 — most retired people have to go to work," said Yasayuki Nodera of the Labor Ministry's employment stabilization bureau. "The work is usually as a janitor or some other menial, dirty job."



Edward Kennedy



George Bush

In Massachusetts primary Kennedy, Bush face big test

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R) — Edward Kennedy and George Bush, alarmed by the prospect of fading early in the U.S. presidential campaign, are energetically preparing for next Tuesday's primary in their home state of Massachusetts where they badly need strong wings.

But there are signs that aides are worried about their chances and activity in their camps has increased.

For Sen. Kennedy, the grim factor has loomed that some of his leading home-state politicians, members of the machine the Kennedys build on a foundation of Irish Catholic pride, have deserted him and endorsed President Carter.

When men with names like Tom McGee and John Murphy — the speaker and majority whip of the state Legislature respectively — turn from a Kennedy, something new and different is going on in Massachusetts politics.

On the national level, Sen. Kennedy Saturday dismissed half his campaign staff and launched a million dollar advertising drive to improve his chances for the democratic presidential nomination.

The cost-cutting and advertising decision marked a major effort by Sen. Kennedy to recover from his devastating defeat by President Carter in last Tuesday's New Hampshire primary.

Fathered by Nobel prize winners

'Superbabies' scheme blasted

ESCONDIDO, California, March 2 (R) — A Stanford University geneticist, Luigi Kavalli-Sforza, warned that a scheme to create "Superbabies" fathered only by Nobel prize winners could lead to serious problems and said similar genetic speculation in the past has led to major tragedies.

Another scientist, Lee Ramin, a psychologist at Princeton University in New Jersey, dismissed the plan by California businessman Robert Graham and said there was little evidence to support the idea that genes were the main source of intelligence.

"It's crazy, people backed off of these ideas many years ago. The evidence is extremely weak at best that genes are the main source of intelligence. A lot more

scientific knowledge is needed on this subject," Ramin said.

The two were commenting on a project involving a special sperm bank for breeding highly intelligent babies which was reported by the Los Angeles Times.

Dr. Kavalli-Sforza, said, "Naive enthusiasm in this area has sometimes in the past led to major tragedies. There can be serious problems in this kind of social manipulation."

"In the past similar projects have inevitably failed despite claims by some scientists that such ideas are scientifically possible," Kavalli-Sforza added.

He said sometimes even the most highly intelligent people have some bad genes which could be passed on to offspring.

Sihanouk condemns Pol Pot

LONG BEACH, California, March 2 (AP) — Cambodia's former ruler, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, arrived in southern California and reiterated his opposition to Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot at a meeting with more than 500 Cambodian refugees. "We are trying to get everybody together to fight the Vietnamese," said Lu Lay Srang, an official with the Cambodian Association of America, which is hosting Sihanouk on his visit here.

The prince, 57, refused to speak to reporters Saturday night, after arriving from Washington, D.C.

"First, the prince has made clear he won't work with Pol Pot," Lu said.

Pol Pot, the leader of a regime ousted by the Vietnamese-backed Heng Samrin, is widely held to be responsible for rampant starvation and brutality which has devastated the southeast Asian country. Pol Pot's forces are still fighting the Vietnamese soldiers and Heng Samrin.

"Three million people, that's enough," said Lu. "Sihanouk said he will no longer associate with Pol Pot, and if the breaks his promise, we (the Cambodian refugees in America) will no longer associate with Sihanouk."

Representatives of numerous Cambodia refugee groups assembled here this weekend from all over the United States to encourage Sihanouk in his campaign to offer an alternative to the current Vietnamese-dominated Phnom Penh regime.

Oil workers join strike in California

LOS ANGELES, March 2, (AP) — Movement of goods in the huge Los Angeles-Long Beach Harbor complex was halted as more than a dozen unions joined nationwide seven-week-old strike by the O. Workers Union.

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Ocean treaty meetings begin at United Nations

UNITED NATIONS, March 2 (AP) — Delegates of the world's oceanside countries Monday begin weeks of meetings here and in Geneva in hopes of finishing a broad sea-law treaty that has been worked on intermittently since December 1973.

The treaty, as it is shaping up, would give oceanside countries territorial waters 12 miles (19.2 kms) offshore and exclusive economic zones stretching out to 200 miles (320 kms) offshore. It would let other countries fish in those zones under certain circumstances, and create an international seabed authority to regulate and participate in the mining of ocean-floor nodules rich in manganese, nickel, copper and cobalt.

Gambia receives Arab Bank loan

BANJUL, March 2 (R) — Gambian minister of finance and trade Muhammad Cadi Cham left Banjul Saturday for Sudan where a \$5 million loan agreement between his country and the Khartoum-based Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa will be signed on Tuesday, officials reported.

The loan will partly finance a new airport in the Gambian capital of Banjul, the officials said.

Cham, who will later go to Saudi Arabia to attend a meeting of the Islamic Development Bank, is expected to return home on March 10.

Romania seeks gold

BELGRADE, March 2 (AP) — Romanians have been offered by their government partial payment in Western cash in return for their gold jewelry, a Yugoslav report says.

The news agency Tanjug said the offer to Romanians was included in a decree by President Nicolae Ceausescu setting the purchase price for gold, silver and platinum.

The decree, Tanjug said, offered Romanians 10 per cent of the payment for gold jewelry and similar items in convertible cash.

Delegates of the 163 countries invited hope to end up with the conversion of the present informal negotiating text into a formal draft treaty before the New York phase of the session ends on April 4.

At the adjournment of the New York meetings, delegations will take the draft treaty home for their governments to study in hopes that in the Geneva phase, starting August 29, the treaty can be adopted and the conference ended.

Briefing reporters here in advance of Monday's reopening, U.S. delegate Elliot L. Richardson said the goal of producing a draft treaty in New York is "ambitious."

"I think it can be done, but not without good will and hard work," he said.

Richardson said perhaps the most difficult issue was how decisions should be made in the 36-member council of the seabed authority. He indicated dissatisfaction with current proposals.

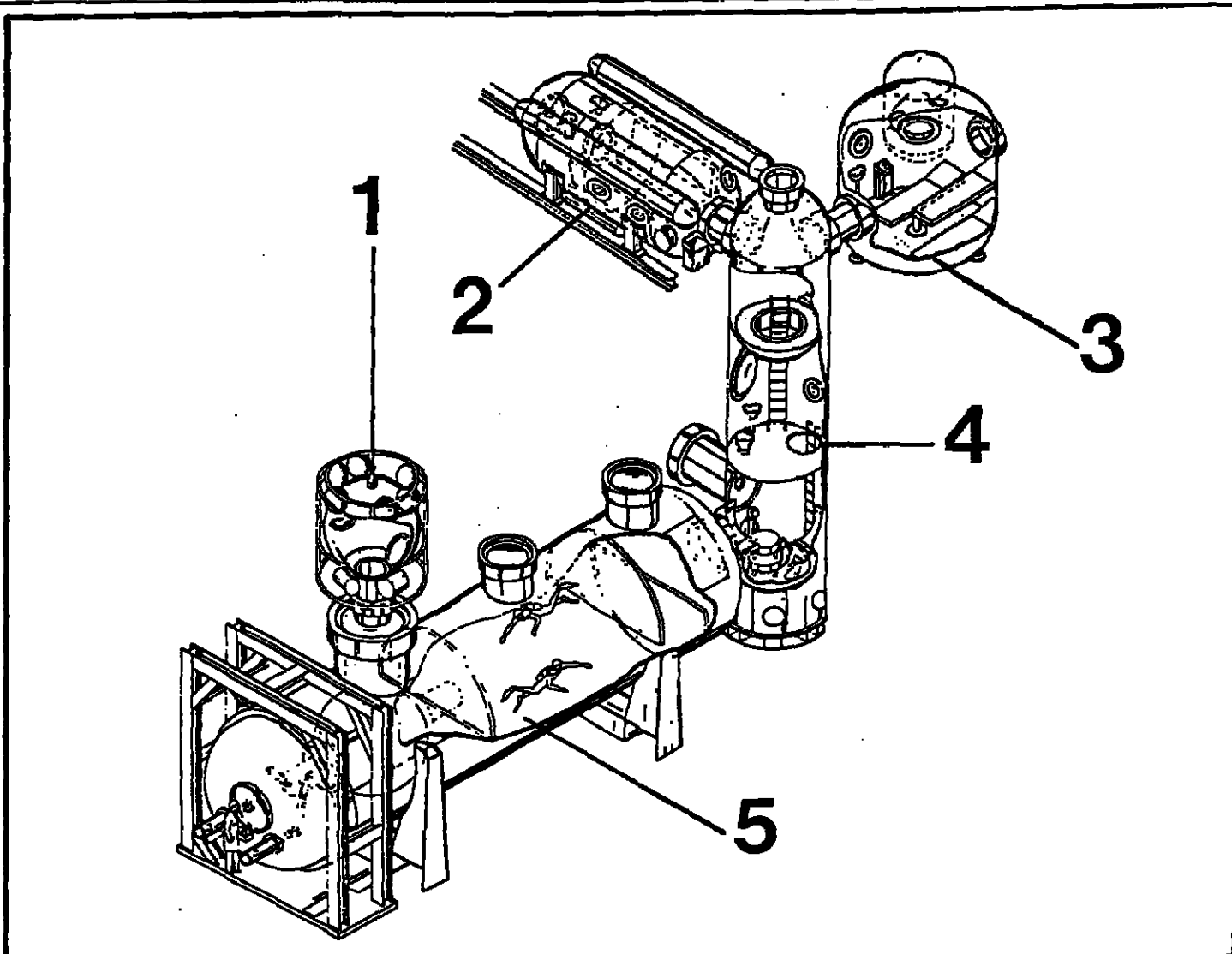
"As a major consumer of the minerals found in deep seabed manganese nodules, and as the country whose citizens have invested the most money and effort in developing deep seabed mining systems and technology," he said, "The United States cannot afford to allow its vital economic interests to be overridden by a majority of states that have no important stake in the development of this enormous resource."

At another briefing, Ambassador Tommy T.B. Koh of Singapore, a key conference negotiator, answered "yes" when asked if it could be assumed that the Geneva meetings would be "the jil session."

But Bernardo Zuleta of Colombia, U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim's special representative for the conference, said the voting issue was "so crucial that the conference ending may depend on that issue."

If the treaty emerged from the Geneva phase, he noted, the conference is committed to return to Caracas, Venezuela, for the signing ceremony, which would take place early next year.

The conference president is Hamilton Shirley Amerasinghe of Sri Lanka.



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'OPEC decides such questions'

Kuwait rules out selling oil at fixed prices

KUWAIT, March 2 (AP) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifah Al-Sabah has ruled out the possibility of selling crude oil by the Gulf Arab states at fixed prices under long term contracts to Western European countries.

"Such questions cannot be decided by Gulf oil producers alone, as oil prices are decided by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries as a whole," he told French journalists accompanying President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing.

The French President arrived in Kuwait Saturday on the first leg of a six nation tour of the area designed to strengthen France's political and economic ties with the Arab world. Oil is one of the main topics on Giscard d'Estaing's agenda.

There were speculations in recent months that the cornerstone of a proposed Gulf-EEC dialogue co-sponsored by Kuwait and France was selling oil at somewhat fixed prices under long term contracts in exchange for Western European technology and political support to the Arab cause.

Answering a question, Al-Sabah said Kuwait does not sell oil to any East European countries, but has no objection to doing so.

The minister reaffirmed that Kuwait planned to cut back its crude oil production by 500,000 barrels a day from two million barrels starting April 1.

Asked if the Gulf states expected military aid from European countries to protect their

security, the minister said: "We do not expect such assistance and we do not welcome it."

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Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Saturday

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Pound Sterling	7.65	7.70	7.68
Deutsche Mark (100)	193.00	192.50	190.50
Swiss F (100)	201.00	202.00	198.50
French F (100)	81.00	81.50	81.60
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	40.50	41.40
Lebanese Lira (100)	102.00	101.40	101.40
Syrian Lira (100)	79.50	86.60	86.60
Egyptian Pound	4.45	4.50	4.50
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.40	12.37	12.37
Jordanian Dinar	11.48	11.42	11.42
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	90.30	90.30
Qatar Riyal (100)	91.90	91.80	91.80
Bahraini Dinar	25.00	8.90	8.90
Iranian Riyal (100)	10.25	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	74.30	74.10	74.10
Yemeni Riyal (100)	85.00	90.75	90.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	42.20	42.20
Indian Rupee (100)	—	34.15	34.15
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	—
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Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	13.50	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.91	—	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	117.00	—	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	173.00	—	173.50
Spanish Peso	—	51.00	51.00
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Budget cuts ordered in all U.S. agencies

WASHINGTON, March 2 (R) — Government officials, under White House orders to come up with budget cuts by Monday, worked through the weekend in a major Carter administration attempt to halt soaring inflation.

The heads of all major federal agencies were given targets for budget reductions and ordered to report on ways to achieve them, government sources said.

President Carter's \$616 billion budget for 1981, submitted in January, provided for a deficit of nearly \$16 billion.

Carter's Press Secretary Jody Powell, described the budget review as thorough and extensive. It came amid predictions that a recession may not be far off.

Carter spent the weekend at Camp David and a spokesman could not say whether he was consulting his economic advisors.

Government, Congressional and business leaders have been summoned to the White House in recent days and Powell said Carter was attempting to build a broad consensus for new economic policies.

Leading Republicans in the House of Representatives said Carter should submit a balanced budget within 10 days.

"If not checked immediately, inflation will cause such erosion in our public and private institutions that our economic system, as we know it, will be unable to survive," they said in a letter to the president.

Senior military officers have already told Congressmen, however, that the armed forces will need substantial increases over the \$146.2 billion defense budget proposed for the financial year beginning on Oct. 1.

Powell reiterated that the president would not impose mandatory wage and price controls to fight inflation, now running at an annual rate of 18 per cent.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Al-Memeb	Permanent asphalt, paving and lighting of roads	10/31/D	1000	March 18
Municipality of Al-Majma'a	Maintenance of electric poles	1	Free	March 18
" " "	Sinking of a tubewell in the municipal park	2	Free	March 18
Ministry of Communications	Asphalting of a 35-Km. long road stretch between Al-Birk and Wadi Tar'ah	—	500	March 25
Saudi Arabian Airlines	Supply of a mobile radio-unit at Jeddah's new International airport	3/80	—	March 15
Municipality of Jeddah	Construction of a fence around the sheep market	28	300	April 6
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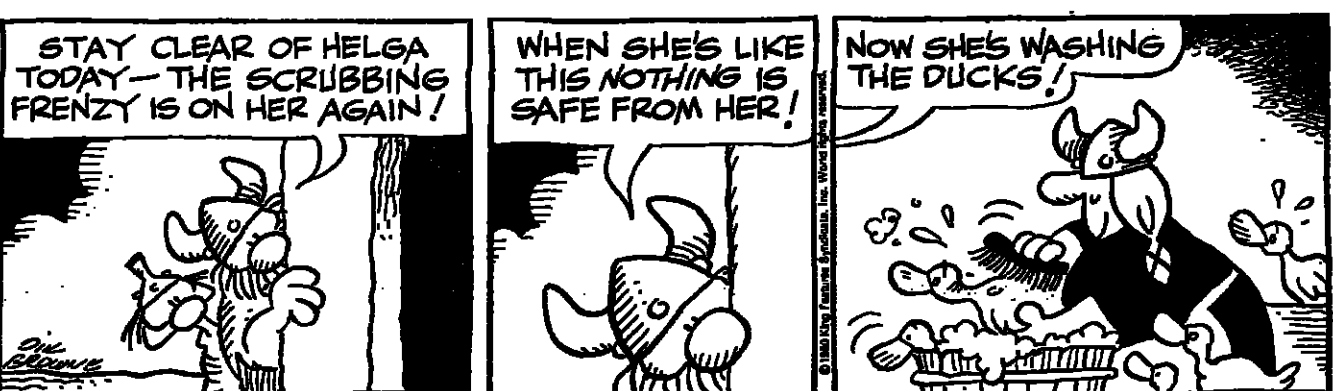
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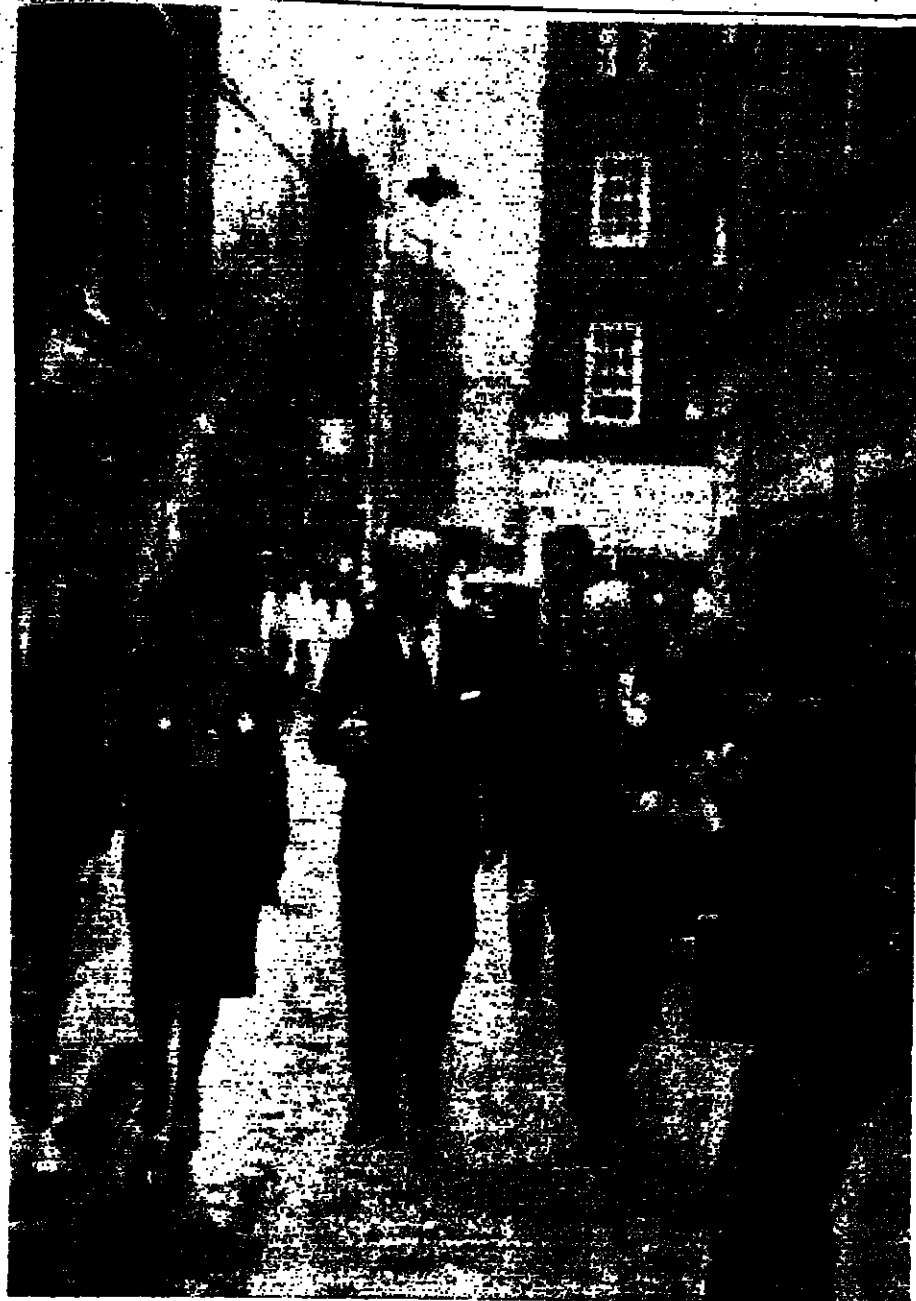
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Royal Duties

Prince Philip, at left, inspects a new housing block in Soho and his son Prince Charles, at right, attends the funeral of Sir Barnes Wallis, the inventor of 'bouncing bomb.'



Prince Andrew steps aboard the HMS Hermes where he is to undergo three weeks of training as a midshipman.

Kramer vs. Kramer



Dustin Hoffman and Justin Henry in a scene from a new film about a parents fighting over custody of their child. The two have been nominated for Academy Awards.



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Panel's access to hostages unresolved

Strengthened Khomeini leaving clinic

TEHRAN, March 2 (R) — Ayatollah Khomeini, sounding strong and lucid, said Sunday he was leaving the hospital where he has been treated for five weeks for a heart condition.

The 79-year-old Iranian revolutionary leader addressed a crowd of hospital workers gathered under his bedroom balcony. He did not say when he would leave the Mehdi Rezaei Heart Clinic which he entered with a minor heart ailment on Jan. 23. Officials at his hospital office said no date had been fixed.

Vote result gets early okay from Mugabe election boss

SALISBURY, March 2 (Agencies) — Nationalist leader Robert Mugabe's party will accept the result of Rhodesia's three-day ballot in advance, his election director said Sunday.

Eddison Zvobgo was speaking to reporters at Salisbury Airport while waiting for Mugabe to return from a three-day visit to Mozambique and Tanzania, where he held talks with presidents Samora Machel and Julius Nyerere.

A supremely confident Zvobgo predicted outright victory for Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union — Patriotic Front ZANU-PF party in the poll that ended last Friday.

"We will accept the result in advance," he said. "Under the circumstances of the war, it was as free and secret an election as it was possible to hold." Zvobgo said he was confident that the supervision of the British election commission officials who organized the poll would make it impossible to rig the results.

Rhodesian civil servants and teachers, watched by British policemen, supervisors and international observers, counted the ballots in each of the eight electoral districts before some 670 ballot boxes were sealed and brought to Salisbury for a final count Monday.

Zvobgo said only one ballot box had been found with a seal broken when they were collected at provincial centers around the country Saturday. He declined to give any details.

Doctors say Tito's heart weaker

BELGRADE, March 2 (R) — The condition of President Josip Broz Tito, further deteriorated Saturday night, and his heart became weaker, his doctors said Sunday.

A medical bulletin said that the 87-year-old Yugoslav leader was undergoing all necessary measures of intensive treatment at the main hospital in the northern city of Ljubljana.

The president is suffering from pneumonia, heart troubles, kidney failure and internal bleeding.

The bulletin, issued by his panel of eight medical professors said: "In the course of the past night there was a further deterioration of the general state of health of President of the

him. Dr. Hassan Arefi, said Khomeini would leave the hospital soon for a new home in Tehran.

The ayatollah made another call for national unity and advised Iranians to vote for faithful Muslims in this month's parliamentary elections. His five minute speech, referring to several current events, was broadcast on state radio in an apparent attempt to reassure the populace that his health had improved.

Khomeini said his doctors had taken care of him "like a son looking after his old

father."

He repeated a phrase which caused a flood of anxious telephone inquiries to the hospital switchboard three weeks ago, saying: "Now that I am in the last days of my life." But the words seemed unlikely to cause renewed panic as the ayatollah's voice was strong and his message reassuring.

Speaking on elections for Iran's Islamic assembly, which begin on March 14, the ayatollah said: "Under the devilish (Shah's) regime, there were no elections and all the affairs were run in a diabolical way."

"Now we have an Islamic republic and the Parliament will be an Islamic assembly and all our morality should be Islamic. So I ask you to elect people who are committed to Islam and are neither Eastern or Western."

Khomeini said that he hoped the parliamentary vote was the last step which Iran needed to take in order to achieve stability "and get rid of strangulation and pressure forever."

Tracing the ideal qualifications for parliamentary candidates, the ayatollah said they should be "morally irreproachable, faithful to Islam and servants of the nation."

Tehran newspapers carried reports two weeks ago that Khomeini was about to be discharged from the hospital and would move to a house near the north Tehran clinic, but his doctors described the stories as unfounded. They have also denied one report that the ayatollah would settle in an apartment inside the hospital grounds.

Khomeini made no reference in Sunday's speech to the United Nations commission investigating the alleged crimes of the former Shah who are in Tehran at present.

He issued a statement urging Iranians to present their evidence and grievances to the commission just before the five-man U.N. group arrived in Iran last Saturday.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Sadeq Ghotbzadeh held unscheduled talks with the co-chairman of the United Nations commission early Sunday, suggesting a possible breakthrough in the commission's efforts to see the American hostages.

Ghotbzadeh arrived unexpectedly after midnight at the commission's north Tehran hotel and met co-chairman Mohamed Bedjaoui of Algeria.

U.N. spokesman Samir Sambar said the discussions took place in "a very friendly, positive atmosphere." He declined to give further details.

The unexpected move followed a slow day in which the panel's request to see the 49 captives, who have been held by militant students at the U.S. embassy since Nov. 4, appeared stalled over problems of detail.

The students declined all comment on a possible U.N. visit, but they appeared to have dropped their blunt refusal of earlier this week to allow the commission members into the occupied mission at all.

Asked whether Ghotbzadeh's visit had improved the commission's chances of seeing the Americans, Sambar replied: "We should wait and see. The commission has always said it expects to see them."



VICTIMS' AUTOGRAPHS: Samir Sambar, left, U.N. spokesman for the commission investigating the alleged crimes of the Shah of Iran, presents members with a cloth marked with the names of the disabled who testified at hearings last week. Seated are, from left, Edmond Louis Petit of France, Adib Daoudi of Syria and Mohamed Bedjaoui of Algeria.

On fate of 41 hostages Bogota negotiations begin

BOGOTA, March 2 (Agencies) — Negotiations began Sunday morning between representatives of the government and guerrillas holding as many as 41 hostages in the embassy of the Dominican Republic.

Four negotiators, two from the Colombian foreign ministry and two representing the guerrillas, climbed into a windowless Red Cross panel truck at 9:22 a.m. about a block away from and directly in front of the embassy.

The government identified its negotiators as two deputy foreign ministers, Ramiro Sombano and Camilo Jimenez.

Reporters at the scene said the guerrillas were represented by what appeared to be a woman dressed in a green jacket and wearing

a white, full-length face mask and a man, who Colombian journalists believed was Mexican Ambassador Ricardo Galan, who has been held hostage with the other diplomats for four days.

The four negotiators stood in line behind the van for about three minutes before entering the vehicle from its rear doors.

Reporters watching a block away said about 20 well-armed soldiers were out of sight of the van around a corner of a nearby street. At least one chair and a table were visible from the open door of the panel truck as it backed into the cul de sac where the embassy is located.

The vehicle was within firing-range of guerrilla and military sharpshooters.

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The prince reaffirmed that Saudi Arabia would continue striving to keep the Arabian peninsula and the Middle East out of international disputes.

No American official has ever approached Saudi Arabian officials on the subject of providing military bases, the prince said, adding that the Kingdom's policy on this issue is explicit.

He reiterated that the correct alternative for the Arab cause was solidarity, unity, self-reliance and objective sincerity.

Prince Saud said relations between the Kingdom and Iran continue to be good and hoped they will grow further. This is necessitated by a common faith and destiny of the two countries, he added. The prince said he looked forward to a visit to Iran to exchange views and opinions on matters of mutual concern.

He also expressed hope that the Lebanese people would be able to achieve unity in the interest of their country and the Arab nation as a whole.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

A man I knew had had a yearning all his life to become a doctor. But since the family was poor, he had to break his education early to make a living and help out. He then got married and worked hard raising his own family. But that dream remained, and he did his utmost to persuade his first-born to take it up, which the lad duly did.

The man was always poor. The whole family had to scrimp and save so that the young man could go through medical school, the education of the younger son was neglected, and he soon quit and became a plumber. The elder went on, and in due course graduated with a good degree from a noted medical school "out West." He came back home, and opened up a smart practice in a smart neighborhood. (Again, his father's and the rest of the family's savings.) The father felt that he had won his lifelong fight. At last there was a doctor in the family — what mattered it wasn't he himself who had made it but his son? After all, this is his flesh and blood.

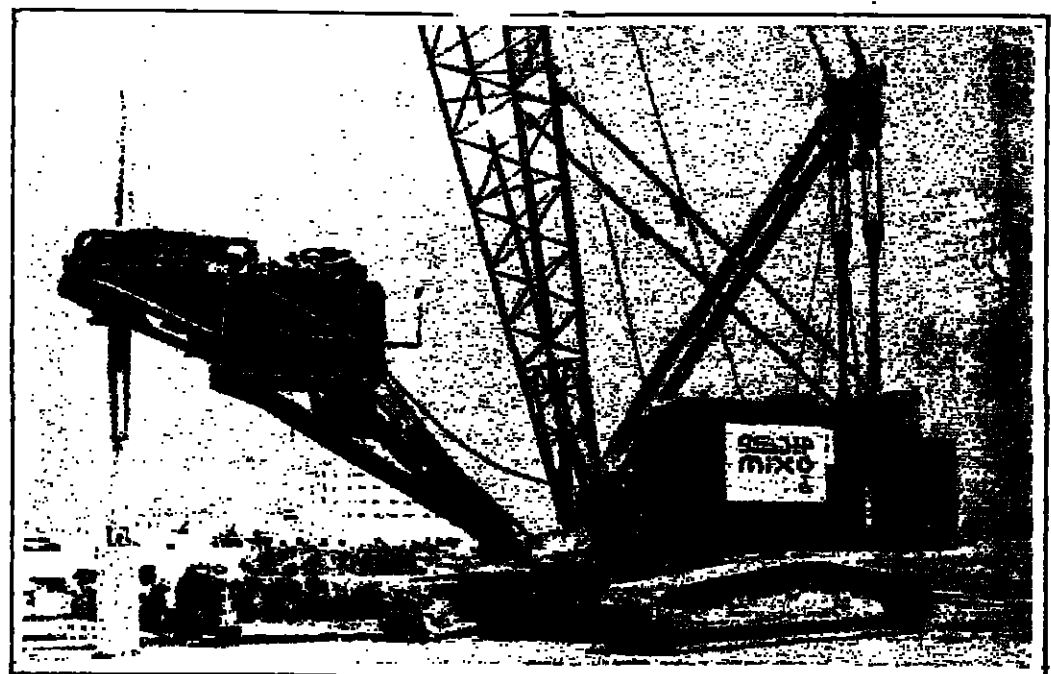
Life went on, and the man was soon old enough to retire — he had worked hard, and the kids had grown up. But the pension was small, and he had to turn to his sons for help. After all the sacrifices, he felt, he could surely presume to end his days with some ease.

Gathering his courage one day — he had always found the son who became a doctor slightly intimidating — he went to the son's surgery. Everything shone there, from the furniture to the receptionist. His son came out proudly to show him around. He told him that he was doing very well indeed: that he was a fashionable doctor in a fashionable part of town; that it was all due to the old man's sacrifices which he, the young man, will never forget. The old man was moved at first, but then thought, "The S.O.B. is being too sincere." "How about some money, son," he said. "You know I have retired, and that your mother and I need some comfort for our old age."

"Father," said the unfeeling young man. "I wouldn't dream of touching your retirement money. After all you and my dear family have done for me... Anyway I'm now beginning to break even, so please don't worry about me..." The old man left in disgust.

As he arrived home, tired and angry, he saw the other son waiting for him. "Father," he said, "I just heard of your retirement, and came immediately... Ah, thought the old man, much moved. Here is the one I neglected come to commiserate with me in my old age, offering to share his modest fortune with his mother and me. No such luck of course." "All your plumbing from now on, dear father, at cost price not a penny of profit..." Translated from Ashraf Al Awad

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